



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

## Third Sunday of Lent — March 8, 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.svdpfl.com](http://www.svdpfl.com)

Facebook: St. Vincent de Paul  
Catholic Church

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



### 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 [pray-  
ers@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  
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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  
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Mary Gerbasi  
Christine DeLieto  
Margaret Flanders  
Deacon Bertrand Guerin  
Sharon Guerin  
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Anabella Batista  
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Eddie Lanuzga Coordinator of Ministries

### **Parish Support**

Christine DeLieto	Parish Manager
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### **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](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,

It is only two days of fasting in a year: Ash Wednesday Good Friday, so there is no big deal about it. But there is something strange about those two days of obligatory fasting.

More than any other day, on those two days of obligatory fasting, very strange thoughts come into the mind. What we won't usually think about, suddenly creeps into our minds out of nowhere. Yes, thoughts about food come into our minds and makes our stomachs rumble with hunger. Maybe it is the hunger that makes us have weird thoughts about food, and even make us behave strangely.

Well, if hunger can have that kind of effect, then what about thirst? It is said that we can survive for a time without food, but we can't last long without water. Thirst can make us become irrational and our behavior can become abnormal.

In the first reading, we heard that tormented by thirst, the people complained to Moses for bringing them out of Egypt and to die of thirst in the desert. Yes, when people get real thirsty, they show who they really are – they reveal what is in their hearts.

In the gospel, we also hear of two thirsty persons – Jesus and the Samaritan woman. They are not desperately thirsty but water was their topic of conversation.

Jesus was thirsty enough to ask the Samaritan woman for a drink, though Jews do not associate with Samaritans; the gospel makes it a point mention it. Furthermore it was a Jewish man and a Samaritan woman! But thirst can make people discard formalities and reservations. Jesus was tired and thirsty and He wanted a drink.

The Samaritan woman was also thirsty. That was why she came to the well to draw water, although it was at an odd time – it was at noon, a time when people would stay indoors because of the heat.

The Samaritan woman came to draw water from the well to quench her physical thirst. But there was another kind of thirst that she could not quench her thirst for true love – she told Jesus she had no husband. But she already had five husbands and the one she has is not her husband. Jesus, who is the living water, slowly quenched the thirst in her heart, and with that she did the really astounding thing.

Her spiritual thirst had made her hide her secrets from people. But Jesus gave her the living water and the courage to face the truth.

Yes, the thirst of the heart can make us irrational and act strangely. In our spiritual thirst, we will even turn to dead waters. But that will be like trying to quench our thirst with sea water; the thirst will come back with a vengeance.

We turn to dead waters when we give in to our desires – our desire for attention and status. Our desire for success and to prove that we are better than others and to show-off. Yes, we try to quench the thirst of our hearts with dead waters. But Jesus knows all that we have done.

He wants to cleanse us with His living water in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus wants to quench the thirst of our hearts with the living waters of true love, which only He can give.

Let us turn away from those dead waters that will create more dark secrets and make us hide from God and from others. Let us turn to Jesus who gives us the living waters of truth and love, so that our hearts will be at peace with God and with others.

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, March 7</b> St. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	<b>D</b>	8:30 a.m. Mothers of the Blessed Sacrament	12:30 p.m. Golf Tournament 3:00 p.m. Pray the Di- vine Mercy Chaplet 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
<b>Sunday, March 8</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF</b> <b>LENT</b> Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42	<b>B</b> <b>D</b> <b>D</b> <b>L</b>	<b>Sanctuary Candle for Divine Mercy on the World</b> 7:30 a.m. + Francina Barrera (Rosio) 8:30 a.m. Parishioners 10:00 a.m. + Pete Flahive (Varner & Shadle families) 11:30a.m. + Patricia Bellafore (Family)	11:15 a.m. Faith Formation Class 12:30 p.m. Family Activities
<b>Monday, March 9</b> St. Frances of Rome, Reli- gious 2 Kgs 5:1-15 Lk 4:24-30	<b>B</b>	8:30 a.m. + Clifton Wiggins (Edd & Ann Richardson)	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 10</b> Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35	<b>L</b>	8:30 a.m. + Mona Virgil (Edd & Ann Richardson)	9:30 a.m. Arts and Crafts 10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. Mtg. 10:00 a.m. Rosary Mak- ers
<b>Wed., March 11</b> Dt. 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19	<b>D</b>	8:30 a.m. Pray for the unborn babies	9:30 a.m. Initial Formation 6:30 p.m. AA 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg.
<b>Thursday, March 12</b> Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23	<b>L</b> <b>B</b>	8:30 a.m. Parishioners  10:00a.m. Mass in Sunshine Home	4 p.m. Contemplative Prayer 3 p.m. & 7 p.m. Confession
<b>Friday, March 13</b> Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34	<b>D</b> <b>B</b> <b>L</b>	8:30 a.m. Ed Grimes, intentions (K.C. Drez) Aiden Whiskeyman, intentions (K.C. Drez) 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross 4:00 p.m. Ed Grimes, 96th birthday (Edd & Ann Richardson)	11:00 a.m. Al-Anon 4:30 p.m. Friday Night Dinner 5:00 p.m. Lenten Retreat
<b>Saturday, March 14</b> Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14	<b>B</b>  <b>L</b>	8:30 a.m. Repose of the soul of Robert Letsos (SVdP)  4:00p.m Pray for the Lent Weekend Retreat Life in the Eucharist (SVdP)	7:30a.m. Lenten Retreat 9:00 a.m. Confession 3 pm Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:00 p.m. NA Mtg.
<b>Sunday, March 15</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY</b> <b>OF LENT</b> 1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41	<b>L</b> <b>D</b> <b>B</b> <b>L</b>	<b>Sanctuary Candle for Patti Biddle</b> <b>(Diann Bimmerle)</b> 7:30 a.m. + Wanda Orzel (Family) 8:30 a.m. Parishioners 10:00 a.m. + Karol Zuccaro (John Rodgers) 11:30 a.m. + Loretta Madsen (SVdP)	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 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."**

*"So one alone who possesses the Kingdom of My Will is worth more than everything and everyone, and can earn and impetrate what all others together can neither earn nor obtain, because all others together, however good without the Life of My Will in them, are always the little flames, the little plants, the flowers that are that, at the most, serve to adorn the earth; they are subject to being extinguished and to wither, and the Divine Goodness can neither place great entrustments upon them, nor concede such portents as to do good to the entire world. On the other hand, one lives in My Will is more than the sun, invests everyone with the empire of It's light, it rules. ...BH 23-10-02-1927 Further information contact Esperanza "Espie" Stewart, 443-852-4426.*

## BECOMING A CATHOLIC



- Left to right:*
1. Bianca Aaron
  2. Peter Tan Duy Ngoc Nguyen
  3. Burhan Sume
  4. Mary Phuong My Tang

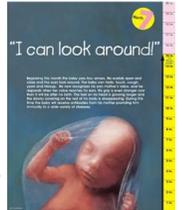
## Respect Life Corner SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Pray For the Unborn  
**SIXTH MONTH**

Beginning this month the baby uses all four senses. Eyelids open and close, and the eyes look around.

The baby can taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup. He or she now recognizes his or her mother's voice. His or her grip is even stronger now than it will be after birth.

The hair on the head is growing longer and the downy covering on the rest of the body is disappearing. During this time the baby will receive antibodies from his or her mother providing immunity to a wide variety of diseases.



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

Friday March 13, 5pm - 9pm  
Saturday March 14, 7:30am - 5pm

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 preregister by Thursday March 12 at noon, please call 727-938-1974  
4843 Mile Stretch Dr., Holiday, FL 34690



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

**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 TEAM— LIFE IN THE EUCHARIST LENTEN RETREAT: GOD’S LOVE IN THE EUCHARIST ~ SVDP PARISH ~ RETREAT ~ DIOCESAN WIDE INVITATION ~**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18: BEAUTIFUL EUCHARIST**

Faith Sharing Group. 9:30 am - 11:00 am - Educ. Bldg. Chapters: 7, 8, 9 - pages 53-73.

*“The Eucharist is the greatest of all Sacraments because it contains in a substantial way the person of Christ, who is the author of life.”* Bishop Fulton Sheen

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25: BEAUTIFUL EUCHARIST**

9:30 am - 11:00 am: Education Bldg. / St. Francis Rm. ALL ARE WELCOME. Chapters 10 & 11. Pages 75 – 90.

*“For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you; The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”* 1 Cor. 23-24

**BEAUTIFUL EUCHARIST CONCLUDES:**

**WED., April 1:** Chapter 12 & Conclusion. Pgs. 91-100

**March 25: NO CENACLE~ See LITE RETREAT** *“May Jesus be your divine center: that is my whole wish for you; a total and all-embracing center - that is, the source of your thoughts and desires, the impulse of your actions, the basis of your love, the measure of your sacrifices.”* Saint Peter Julian Eymard to Mme. Grandville 12/26/1867

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Please WELCOME our newest parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. William (Bill) Koressel, Mrs. Marcy Kyle, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Flaherty, Mrs. Jerry Chavez, and Mr. & Mrs. Michael Olson pictured below.



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

In today’s gospel, Jesus says: “my food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work.”

**Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Contributions.**

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.

**THANK YOU**

With grateful hearts, we thank everyone who supported the Faith Formation Team’s recent Car Wash fundraiser. Whether you brought your car to be washed, made a donation, or helped spread the word, your generosity and encouragement made the day a wonderful success. We got \$1185.

Because of you, our children and youth are one step closer to covering the expenses for their retreat and continuing their journey of growing in faith. It was also a beautiful moment of community, seeing so many parishioners come together in support of our young people.

Thank you for believing in our mission and investing in the spiritual formation of the next generation. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and support.

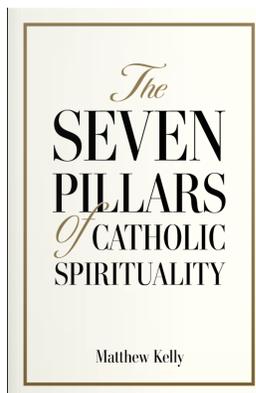
**THE SEVEN PILLARS OF CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY**

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?

Fridays at 10:30 in the St. Francis Room.

Please call the office to sign-up or if you have any Questions, at 727-938-1974.





DIOCESE OF SAINT PETERSBURG  
**CATHOLIC  
 MINISTRY**  
*Appeal*

### 2026 CMA 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.

Our Next update will come out in the next bulletin. Turning in your green envelopes is not a pledge. You may use them to pay your pledge, but we really need you to complete the pledge cards.



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

**FORTIFY A STRONG FUTURE  
 IN LOVING SERVICE**

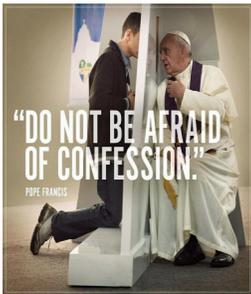
Through your generous support, as of We continue to raise funds for our capital campaign projects, which include replacing the roof in the education building and our \$95,000 debt to the Diocese of St. Petersburg.

To date, we have received \$368,678.38 and have total pledges of \$418,708.38. We are still need to raise \$175,000 towards remaining projects.

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. God bless you all!**

### The Gift of Confession



The Sacrament of Confession is a beautiful encounter with God's mercy.

Through this sacrament, our sins are forgiven, our relationship with God is restored, and the burden of guilt is lifted.

Confession brings peace to the heart, strengthens us against temptation, and gives us a fresh start.

The blessings are real: healing, freedom, clarity of conscience, and renewed joy. God never tires of forgiving us when we come to Him with sincere hearts.

We warmly invite you to our Parish Penance Service on **March 26 at 5:00 p.m.** Come and experience the grace, peace, and renewal that God desires to give you.



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!

### 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



### YOU SHOP, WE BENEFIT

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

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 April 6**

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



## PARISH GIVING—MARCH 1ST

We celebrated with 714 attending mass and our collection for Offertory was **\$10,191.00 in Offertory and \$1,140.89 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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