



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

Fourth Sunday of Lent — March 15, 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.

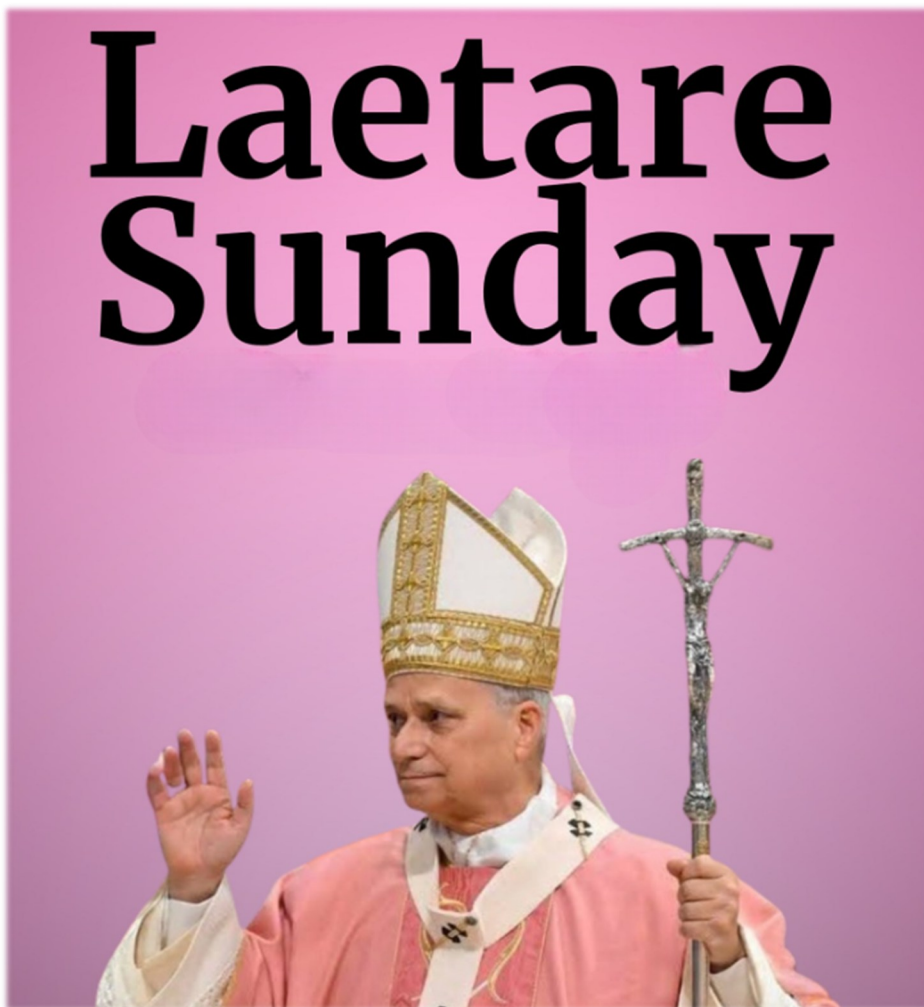
Stay Informed:

Website: www.svdpl.com

Facebook: St. Vincent de Paul
Catholic Church

**Welcome
to our parish family!**

Laetare Sunday



Lenten Liturgies

- Stations of the Cross Fridays at 3 p.m. with Mass to follow.
- Communal Penance Service March 26 at 5 p.m.
- Seder Meal March 28 at 5:15 p.m.
- Palm Sunday March 29, 2026
- Holy Thursday Mass - Washing of the Feet at 7p.m.
- Good Friday - The Passion of Christ at 3 p.m.
- Easter Vigil at 8 p.m.
- Easter Sunday Mass at 7:30 a.m, 8:30 am, 10 am & 11:30am.

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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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Eddie Lanuzga Coordinator of Ministries

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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

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,

Very often in life, hidden talents are brought to public attention only when there is a given opportunity.

As for that blind man in the gospel, there was nothing for him to prove. He was blind, he was a beggar, there was nothing that people saw in him, and there was nothing he saw in himself.

So it was, until Jesus came along and then things changed. Earlier on, the disciples had looked at the blind man and asked whose sin it was that caused the blindness – his sin or his parents' sin? And then after when the blind man was healed, the Pharisees looked at him and asked what kind of sinner it was that healed the blind man.

It is strange that the disciples and the Pharisees and those who had sight could only see one thing – sin! The disciples saw blindness as a punishment due to sin, and the Pharisees saw that man who was healed of his blindness as a sinner.

As for the blind man who was healed, he had his sight restored, and he could see just as the rest who had sight could see. But as much as he could now see like the rest, there was something he saw that made him different from the rest.

When he was asked : What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes? His reply was : He is a prophet. Not only he saw Jesus as a prophet, that former blind man became a surprise witness in the whole drama.

He even confronted and refuted the Pharisees by saying : Now here is an astonishing thing. He has opened my eyes and you don't know where he comes from. If this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing.

That was a stunning statement from a surprise witness who was once blind but now could see deeper and see more than the rest. But this gospel passage is not just about another miracle of healing a blind man.

Jesus proclaimed that He is the light of the world. His light is in all of us so that we too can see deeper and see more. The light of Christ is not some kind of special talent that is given to only some or a few, and which can only be discovered through some kind of talent contest.

We have the light of Christ so that we can see deeper and clearer, and to choose what is from God and reject what is not from God. Indeed we need the light of Christ to see what is from God and what is not from God because they can look so similar.

For example, HATE has four letters, but so does LOVE.

ENEMIES have seven letters; so does FRIENDS.

LYING has five letters; so does TRUTH.

NEGATIVE has eight letters; so does POSITIVE.

UNDER has five letters; so does ABOVE.

CRY has three letters; so does JOY.

ANGRY has five letters; so does HAPPY.

RIGHT has five letters; so does WRONG.

Jesus gives us His light so that we can see clearly and choose wisely.

May we choose what is from God, and reject whatever that is not.

Blessings and prayers,
Rev. Dominic Long Nguyen, S.S.S.

Date		Mass Intentions Presider Key: D (Fr. Dom), L (Fr. Lito), B (Fr. Bill)	Events
Saturday, March 14 Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14	B L	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)	3:00 p.m. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
Sunday, March 15 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41	L D D B	Sanctuary Candle for Patti Biddle (Diann Bimmerle) 7:30 a.m. + Wanda Orzel (Family) 8:30 a.m. Parishioners 10:00 a.m. + Karol Zuccaro (John Rodgers) 11:30a.m. + Loretta Madsen (SVdP)	11:15 a.m. Faith Formation Class
Monday, March 16 Is 65:17-21 Jn 4:43-54	B	8:30 a.m. Sweet Jane, intentions (K.C. Drez) + Melva Campos (Elena Ugaz-Zuniga)	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, March 17 St. Patrick, Bishop Ez 47:1-9, 12 Jn 5:1-16	L	8:30 a.m. Aaron Treherne, birthday (K. C. Drez) + Cosmo P. Moncello (Your forever wife)	9:30 a.m. Arts and Crafts 10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. Mtg.
Wed., March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30	D	8:30 a.m. Espie Stewart birthday (K. C. Drez) Roy & Sylvia Archibold, 69th Wedding Anniversary (Edd & Ann Richardson)	6:30 p.m. AA 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg.
Thursday, March 19 St. Joseph, Spouse of the blessed Virgin Mary 2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 Or Lk 2:41-51	JT D	8:30 a.m. + Michael Gretten (Marlene Taraz) 10:00a.m. Mass in Sunshine Home	4 p.m. Contemplative Prayer 3 p.m. & 7 p.m. Confession
Friday, March 20 Wis 2:1, 12-22 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	L D B	8:30 a.m. + Fr. Matteo Rizzo (Genalo Family) + Anthony Maseo (Mr. & Mrs. L. Tomaszewski) 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross 4:00 p.m. Parishioners	9:00 a.m. Arts & Craft Spring Sale 11:00 a.m. Al-Anon 4:30 p.m. Friday Night Dinner 5:00 p.m. Lenten Retreat
Saturday, March 21 Jer 11:18-20 Jn 7:40-53	D B	8:30 a.m. + Scott Findlay (Margaret Findlay) 4:00p.m Souls in Purgatory (Delia Arnold)	9:00 a.m. Arts & Craft 9:00 a.m. Confession 3 pm Divine Mercy 7:00 p.m. NA Mtg.
Sunday, March 22 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Ez 37:12-14 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45	D JT L B	Sanctuary Candle for Patti Biddle (Diann Bimmerle) 7:30 a.m. + Michael Culligan, Sr. (Wife & Son) 8:30 a.m. Parishioners 10:00 a.m. + Maria Reyes Escobar (Batista family) 11:30 a.m. John Brady (Wife Mary) Robert McMannon (Anita Wife)	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'Quian Peterson: Parents of Rona Bowers; John Papa Cancer; Ray Stout Sr., Cancer; Blondina Beller 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. Michael needs liver transplant 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.



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."*

"It rules over the plants and gives life, color, fragrance, sweetness to each one of them, it imposes itself on everything with its tacit empire, to give its effects and the good it possesses, and no other sphere does so much good to the earth as the sun does—in the in the same way, those who in whom My Will lives are more than sun and with the light that they contain they lower themselves and then rise with rapidity, they penetrate everywhere—into God, into His Acts; with the Divine Will that they possess, they rule over God Himself, and over creatures, they are capable of overwhelming everything to hold out the life of the light they possess to all; they are the.." Fiat BH 23-10-02-1927
Further information contact Esperanza "Espie" Stewart, 443-852-4426.

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.

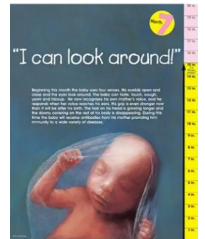


Respect Life Corner

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Pray For the Unborn

SEVENTH MONTH



Developing Baby You are in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby.

Beginning this month the baby uses all four senses. He can see, hear, taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup. He now recognizes his mother's voice.

During this time he will also receive antibodies from his mother protecting him from a wide variety of diseases.



Lenten Seder Meal

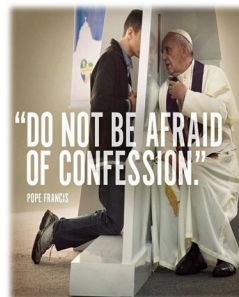
Each year during the Lenten season, our parish hosts a **Seder Meal**, a meaningful tradition that helps us better understand the Jewish Passover and its connection to the Last Supper and the Eucharist.

This year's Seder Meal will take place **March 28 at 5:15 p.m. in Father Farrell Hall**. All are welcome to join us for this special evening of prayer, reflection, and fellowship.

Donations of **matzo, grape juice, and red wine** are greatly appreciated and may be dropped off at the parish office.

If you plan to attend, please **stop by the office or call to make a reservation**. The cost is **\$10 per person or \$25 per family**.

Thank you for your support!



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.



ASSOCIATE CALENDAR

March

Dedicated to Saint Joseph

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

St. Vincent de Paul Church Annual SpringArts & Crafts & Bake Sale

4843 Mile Stretch Drive, Holiday, Florida

Friday, March 27th, 9:00-2:00 & 4:00-6:00 pm

Saturday, March 28th, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

We have something for every occasion: Easter, First Communion, Mother's Day, Teacher Appreciation, and Memorial Day, to name just a few.

New this year: Spring Florals
Raffle tickets will be available for
Cash prizes and gift baskets.

We are asking for donated Bake Sale items. Please drop them off at Father Farrell Hall on Thursday between 9 a.m. & noon.

~ Thank you, and see you there! ~



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, as Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others to see and believe.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.

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.

Oh Yes! IT'S FREE

METRO MINISTRIES

Senior Easter Lunch

FUN-GAMES-MUSIC-FOOD

April 1, 2026

11:30am - 1:00pm

LOCATION
St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
in Father Farrell Hall
4843 Mile Stretch Dr
Holiday, FL 34690

RSVP By: March 23rd

By calling St. Vincent de Paul
Catholic Church 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 or scan the QR code above. Pledge forms are available in the Church.

As of Friday, March 6th, we had Pledges totaling \$28,295 and received \$20,182. 82 families have completed pledge cards out of 560 families, we now have 15% participation our goal is 25-30%.



Thank You!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our Vietnamese Community for their incredible generosity and support during the recent Lunar New Year celebration. Through their dedication, hard work, and spirit of giving, they were able to raise an amazing **\$55,000** for the Church.

This wonderful contribution is a true sign of their love for our parish and their commitment to supporting the mission of the Church. Their efforts not only brought the community together in celebration but also made a lasting impact on our parish.

We are deeply grateful for their generosity and for the vibrant faith they bring to our community. May God bless our Vietnamese Community for their kindness and continued support.

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!



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!

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 8TH

We celebrated with **657 attending mass** and our collection for Offertory was **\$14,233.50 in Offertory and \$2,061.88 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: _____
