



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

AUGUST 23, 2026—21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

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

**First Fridays and weekend of
month 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

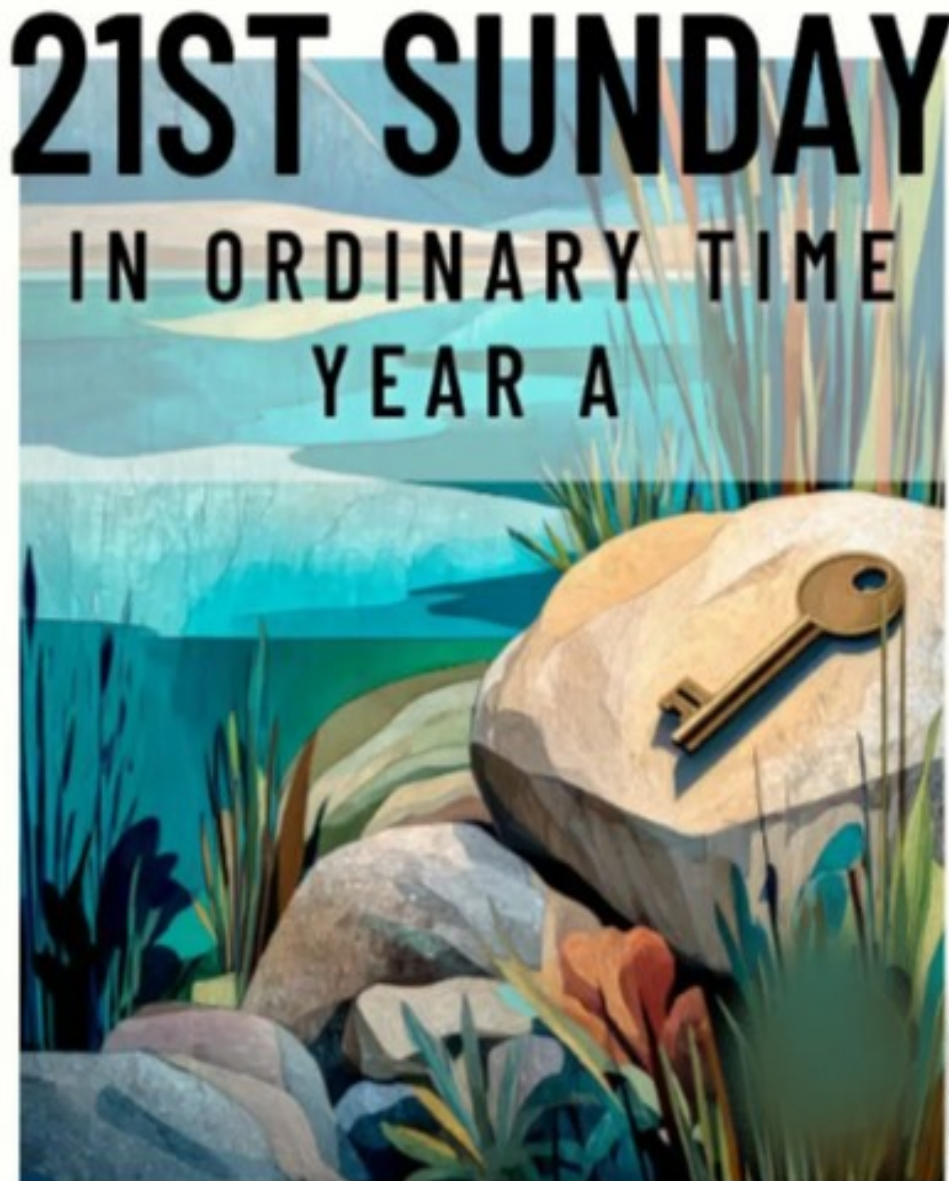
Monday– Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Stay Informed:

Website: www.svdpl.com

**Facebook: St. Vincent de Paul
Catholic Church**

**Welcome
to our parish family!**



SUMMER Office Hours

Starting the week of **June 1st through September 4th**, the office will
be closed on Fridays.

As always, if you need immediate assistance please call the office
and leave a message for one of the Priests.

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St. Vincent de Paul Parish Staff

Clergy

Fr. Dominic Long Nguyen, S.S.S. Pastor
Fr. Joselito Hitoris, S.S.S. Parochial Vicar
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Faith Formation

Sr. Teresa Y Nhu Hoang, S.J.P. Director

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
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Maintenance Team

Rocky Hieu Nguyen
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Other Ministries

Alter Servers - Fr. Lito
Bible Study - Office
Book Studies - Chris DeLieto
Community Events - Chris DeLieto
Eucharistic Ministers - Gloria Jung
Financial Council - Fr. Dominic
Gift Shop - Bobbi McQuiston
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Money Counters - JoAnn Corlett
Pastoral Council - Denise Hammond
Stewardship Committee - Chris DeLieto
SVdP Society - Lori Hoffmann
Ushers/Greeters - Ken Kukla

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

Meet and Great with Some Sweets

Please join us After all Masses on
August 15th and 16th spend some
time in the Social Hall meeting our new
parishioners, and visiting with friends
while enjoying coffee, iced tea and do-
nuts.

GROWING IN GOD’S GRACE

The name Peter comes from the Latin “Petrus” and “Petrus” means stone or rock. In the Bible there is only one person with that name and we all should know who he is.

His original name is Simon son of Jonah, but in today’s gospel passage, we heard that it was Jesus who gave him this name. Jesus said to Simon: ***You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church.*** When we say that something is on the rocks or that something is rocky, we know what it means. When we call someone “Rocky”, it may mean that that person may be brawny but not necessary very brainy.

Of course, we won’t call Peter “Rocky” out of respect because he is the first head or first pope of the Church.

We don’t call Peter “Rocky” but more often than not, he shoots off his mouth and says the wrong things at the wrong time and ended up flat-footed.

The gospels do not spare Peter in recording his “rockiness”. Jesus called him Satan, he denied Jesus 3 times, Jesus wants to wash his feet but he asked for a bath. The gospels portrayed Peter as impulsive and brash.

Jesus named him the “rock” but his confreres might have called “rocky” and the object of their jokes.

But did Peter laugh at himself for all his blunders? Because you would need to have quite a sense of humour in order to carry on like Peter. Besides having some thick-skin as well!

It is said that laughing at your own mistakes can lengthen your life. But it is also said that laughing at your wife’s mistakes can shorten your life! :)

Well, we all know that Peter had a mother-in-law (Jesus healed her – Mt 8:14-15), which means that he had a wife, but he nearly had his life shortened, not because he laughed at his wife’s mistakes but because he was imprisoned by king Herod with the intention of putting him to death.

But Peter was miraculously rescued from prison by an angel (Acts 12:1-25). But eventually in 64 AD Peter was executed by the Roman emperor Nero and he was crucified upside down.

Peter might have had a rocky start but in the end he was as firm as a rock in witnessing to Jesus. When Jesus said that it will be on this rock He will build His Church, Peter might not have fully understood what it meant. Neither could he have understood what it was meant to be given the keys of the kingdom of heaven, to bind and to set free. And neither would he have fully understood what was meant by the gates of the underworld would never hold out against the Church that would be built on him as the rock.

Even now, we ourselves might not understand what all that means. But there is one thing that we know. We know the fury and the violence that the gates of the underworld have unleashed upon the Church and upon the world.

And just as the Church stood firm and moved on after the death of St. Peter, we too must stand firm on the rock of St. Peter and pray fervently for the end to the violence and hostilities that had cost the lives of many innocent victims.

We the Church cannot sit around and do nothing in the face of what is coming out from the gates of the underworld. If we profess what St. Peter professed, that Jesus is the Christ, then may we stand firm on the rock of St. Peter’s profession, and by our prayer may we hold out against the gates of the underworld.

Blessings,

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

Date		Mass Intentions Presider: D (Fr. Dom), L (Fr. Lito), JT (Fr. Joseph)	Events
Saturday, Aug. 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ez 43:1-7 Mt 23:1-12	D JT	8:30 a.m. + Mary E. Joch (Family) + Raymond Flanders (Wife) 4:00 p.m. Luis Rivera, Happy 100th birthday (Edd & Ann Richardson)	3:00 p.m. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
Sunday, Aug. 23 21st SUNDAY IN O.T. YEAR A Is 22:19-23 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20	JT D D JT	Sanctuary Candle for Angelina Caputo & Jim Cocchini (Lucille Alvarez) 7:30 a.m. + Richard Marone (Fran & Dave Rodgers) 8:30 a.m. Parishioners 10:00 a.m. + Deacon Martin Jacques (Daughter Denise) 11:30a.m. + Policarpio Lanuzga (Cindy Spanos)	11:15 a.m. Faith Formation
Monday, Aug. 24 St. Bartolomew Apostle Rv 21:9-14 Jn 1:45-51	JT	8:30 a.m. + Catherine Cerniglia (Grandchildren) + Christos Christodoulou (Christos & Michele Kalatzis)	3:00 p.m. Divine Will 7:00 p.m. GA and GA Family Meeting 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
Tuesday, Aug. 25 <i>St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest</i> 2 Thes 2:1-3, 14-17 Mt 23:23-26	D	8:30 a.m. + Calliope Foundoukis (Margaret Flanders) Joey—6th birthday & family (Maria Solowczuk)	10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. Mtg. <i>Election Day Primary</i>
Wednesday, Aug. 26 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Mt 23:27-32	JT	8:30a.m. Mary Brady, healing (Edd & Ann Richardson) Kenny Carlton (Don & Maria Wyher)	6:30 p.m. AA Mtg. 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg.
Thursday, Aug. 27 St. Monica 1 Cor 1:1-9 Mt 24:42-51	JT D	8:30 a.m. + Policarpio Lanuzga (Sue Combetta) Tammy Wyher (Don & Maria Wyher) 10:00 a.m. Sunshine Home	12:30 pm Food Pantry 4 p.m. Contemplative Prayer 3 p.m. and 7 p.m Confession
Friday, Aug. 28 St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church 1 Cor 1:17-25 Mt 25:1-13	D	8:30 a.m. Sister Theresa, birthday (K.C) Julian Gerardo Guerrero (Guerrero—Sumet Family)	11:00 a.m. Al-Anon
Saturday, Aug. 29 <i>The Passion of St. John the Baptist</i> 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 6:17-29	JT D	8:30 a.m. Ricardo Archibald, intentions (Edd & Ann Richardson) Cecilia Sangalang, healing (Tom & Lorraine Parsons) 4:00 p.m. Amethyst & Glenn Surpris, Wedding Anniversary (Clare & Denny Auza)	3 p.m. Divine Mercy 7:00 p.m. NA Mtg.
Sunday, Aug. 30 22nd SUNDAY IN O.T. YEAR A Jer 20:7-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27	JT JT D D	Sanctuary Candle for Angelina Caputo & Jim Cocchini (Lucille Alvarez) 7:30 a.m. + Daniel Rovnak (James Rovnak) 8:30 a.m. Parishioners 10:00 a.m. + Paul Lanuzga MMargaret Flanders) 11:30 a.m. + Albert & Rose DeLorenzo (Jean T. Flynn)	11:15 a.m. Faith Formation

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Judy Wallowicz, healing; Summer Stevens: healing; Khiara; Doughtrill Cezair, Cancer; Zi'Qui-an Peterson; Parents of Rona Bowers; John Papa Cancer; Ray Stout Sr., Cancer; Blondina Bellaver and Sherry Kattler (Judith A. Del Re), Kadi Pauli - Healing, granddaughter of Chuck & Gloria Fricke; Michael needs liver transplant. JoAnn Corlett-healing. Dave & Jan Snow, healing. Healing for Jackie Martinez and Rafael Rosendo. Mary Brady, 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. FLOCKNOTE: see Anabella in the office. We will be removing the names above as they have been there for over a month now and will move them to FlockNote next week.



Come See & be Heard Corner #5

COMMUNICATION

Effective communication with all parishioners is an essential factor in establishing and maintaining a spiritually vibrant and connected community. Therefore, the topic of our Parish's methods and effectiveness to communicate with the various types of media was rated and discussed.

The *Weekly Bulletin* was rated as great, to always inaccurate. Observations mentioned that the bulletin needs better proofing and events must be given adequate advanced notice.

The parish *Website* was considered by some to be outdated, difficult to navigate and needed to be more interactive. General consensus was that the Website definitely needed to be updated.

Social Media was rarely used by those attending the forums and it was suggested that a younger person take over this means of communication to possibly attract the attention of our younger parishioners.

Another means of communication used by our parish is the *Flocknote* system. It was considered as a good source for current information, however, its drawback is it only reaches those who use their technology regularly and who are registered to receive it. Please inquire at the office to request to be registered if you are not receiving our *Flocknote* communications.

The consensus was that the communication system generally needs improvement. Suggestions were to continue to make announcements prior to Mass by the lector or in a continuing scroll projected prior to Sunday Masses; use banners to announce important events; utilize the new sign in front of the church and modernize our social media.

Save the Date

September 27th International Potluck and Cultural Entertainment by our parishioners 1-4 pm

October 2nd International Holy Rosary presented by our youth at 7 pm
October 16-17 Fall Rummage Sale

November 1st Fall Festival 12:30-2:30 pm
November 6-7th Retreat Friday Evening and Saturday
November 19th Thanksgiving Dinner by the Ladies Auxiliary
December 4th Christmas Dinner at Spartan Manor
December 4-5th Arts & Crafts Sale
December 20th Christmas Pageant by our Youth
December 23rd Simbang Gabi Mass with a reception to follow.



ASSOCIATE CALENDAR AUGUST Month Dedicated to THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12: INITIAL FORMATION. SESSION 10 @ 9:30 AM ~ ST. FRANCIS RM. HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SSS AND THE AGGREGATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"The same ideal unites consecrated and lay members of the Blessed Sacrament Congregation as one spiritual family. Where there is a community of the Religious of the Blessed Sacrament, the Members of the Aggregation share with them social and prayer times, mission, gatherings, and formation initiatives. As Members, they are part of the extended Eymardian family which finds its identity in the spirit and mission of Saint Peter Julian Eymard."

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26: NO CENACLE.

"Be the Apostle of the divine Eucharist, like a flame which enlightens and warms, like the angel of his heart who will go to proclaim Him to those who don't know Him and will encourage those who love Him and are suffering." Saint Peter Julian to Mme. Grandeville,

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28: HAPPY BIRTHDAY SISTER TERESA. Thank you for all you do for us at Saint Vincent de Paul, Church!

Back to School

Please pray for our students, parents and teachers as they get ready to go back to school. Most public and private schools return this week. Our Faith Formation program will start up on Sunday August 23rd.

We have distributed most of the school supplies and will be taking any leftover to Gulf Trace Elementary School.

Thank You for your Support and Prayers!

Come feel the grace of God's Healing

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is offered every first Friday after morning Mass. We will now be offering it on the First Weekend of the month after the 4p.m., 10a.m. & 11:30a.m. Mass. This is for anyone suffering from Physical, Mental, Emotional and/or Spiritual sickness.

Come to receive God's blessing and healing!

Arts and Crafts

Calling all Crafters!!

Mark your calendars for a morning of imagination socialization and humanization!

Put your phones away, turn off the T.V., and join us for a fun morning.

Start up date is Sept. 8. from 9:30 a.m. thru 11:30 a.m.

Sandy Musher.



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."

"Those who will possess the Kingdom of My Will; because one who possesses It receives all the fullness of the goods. In fact, with only their acts done in It, they concur in My Conception and in the carrying out of My whole Life, therefore it is right that they receive all the goods it contains. On the other hand, one who does not possess My Will, takes only the crumbs of the goods I brought upon earth with so much love, and this is why one can see creatures emaciated in good light-hearted, innocent, all eyes and all heart for passing things—because, since the source of My Eternal Will is missing in them, they do not nourish themselves with My Life. What is the wonder; then, if they bear..." BH23.10.1927
Further information contact Esperanza "Espie" Stewart, 443-852-4426.

We need you!

Our Church functions with the help of many hands, for which we are grateful.

At this time, we are in need of volunteers to help in the Church with dusting, deep cleaning the pews, washing windows, etc... This would be once a month for a few hours.

We are also in need of volunteers for Faith Formation to help photocopy, create flyers, and other general assistance for a couple of hours a week.

If interested in helping, Please call the office at: 727-938-1974

Gift Shop

Looking for religious items like rosaries, jewelry, crosses, statues, books, candles, or gift cards?

Visit our gift shop at the main entrance of the church. Please stop by and find that special gift or something you need. God bless you!



DIOCESE OF SAINT PETERSBURG
**CATHOLIC
MINISTRY**
Appeal

2026 CMA!

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.



We are making great progress in meeting our goal. Currently, 345 of 828 parishioners equaling 42% have made a pledge for a total of \$64,721.33 and have paid \$57,969.28. These are last weeks figures. We will hopefully, receive an update this week.

We appreciate those who have taken the time to complete a pledge cards and those who have made payments. We are doing a great job towards reaching our goal, keep up the good work!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

**Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time:**

Like Peter in today's Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?



NEWLY REGISTERED

We warmly welcome

**Francesca Bruno & her
daughters Leilah & Gemma**
as new parishioners.

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

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

**FORTIFY A STRONG FUTURE
IN LOVING SERVICE**

Through your generous support, as of the end of July 2026, we continue to raise funds for our capital campaign projects, which includes replacing the roof on the education building \$103,000 and our 88,000 debt to the Diocese of St. Petersburg.

We have received \$1,073.00 through July 2026. We have completed the replacement of the septic for the rectory. We have submitted the paperwork to the Diocese to begin the roof on the education building.

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 hope to begin work on the parking lot before the end of the year. Thank you so much. God Bless 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.

Join the **30 donors** who have paid \$2,856.45 from August 1st to 10th, by embracing this simple and impactful way to support our faith community. Now is the perfect time to get involved!

Mary's Maids and Joseph's Workers

We would like to restart this group. This ministry involves helping clean the Church and/or maintain the outside of the property. They would meet once a week to do this. If you are interested, please call the office at 727-938-1974 and speak to Anabella.

We are also in need of Alter Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of Hospitality which includes Usher and Greeters.

It would also be nice to start a Service Ministry that offers service in the community.

Please call the office if you are interested in helping with any of our ministries, 727-938-1974. Thank you!



PARISH GIVING—JULY 26TH

We celebrated Mass with 496 parishioners and received \$9,153.00 in offertory and for the Assumption of the blessed Virgin Mary. We appreciate your continued support of your 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!



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.

Next month's orders are due in the Office September 7th

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and many more cards available to order. Come And See!**