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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —AUGUST 24, 2025

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

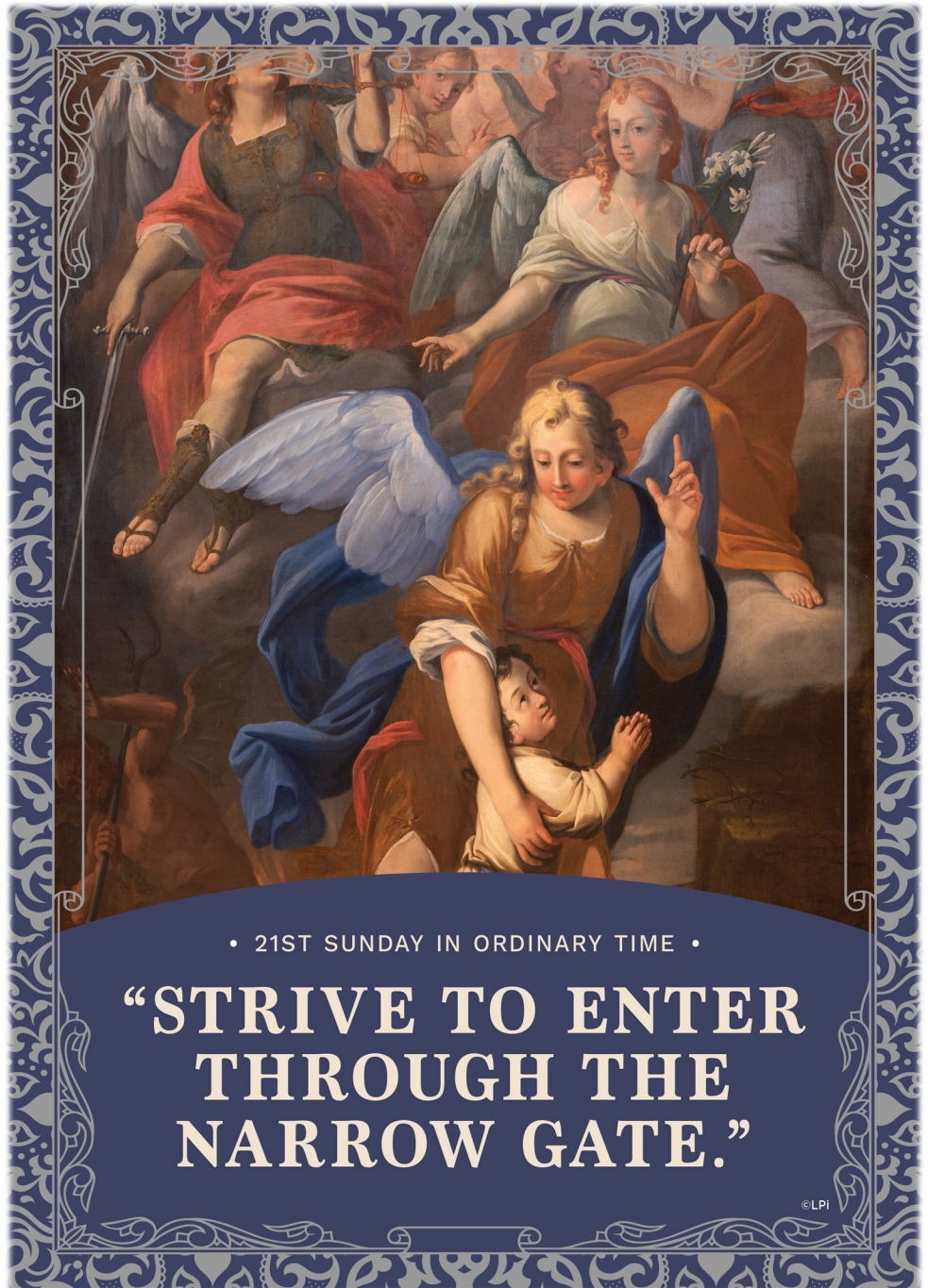
Monday– Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Catholic Church

**Welcome to our
parish family!**



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Our Vision Statement: “Fortify A Strong Future In Loving Service.”

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

In the gospel, Jesus said something interesting about being first and being last. He said that those now last will be first, and those now first will be last.

He seems to be using a sporting competition as an analogy, where there is a first place and a last place. And then He seems to be talking about a reversal of fortunes, where the first become last, and the last become first. He could be talking about a race, a race of another nature, a spiritual race.

As how 1 Cor 9:23-25 puts it - in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize. They run in such a way as to win the prize. Everyone who competes in the games trains with strict discipline. They do it for a crown that is perishable, but we do it for a crown that is imperishable.... So it is a race where we want to win but it is not to be in the first position. It is a race where from the last position we want to encourage others to go on ahead of us so as discover for themselves their own strengths and abilities. It is a race where if there are others behind us, then we want to motivate them to be better than us so that they won't feel dejected and rejected.

It is a race where we run but for a very different objective. And it will take a lot of training in humility to see the spiritual objectives and to do it for a crown that is imperishable. And this kind of spiritual training in humility is certainly not easy because it goes against our instinct to be in the first position and to be a winner, and not a loser.

But as the 2nd reading tells us: The Lord trains the ones that He loves and He trains all those that He acknowledges as His sons.

Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as His sons.

The suffering that is part of our training is to help us let go of what is perishable so as to win what is imperishable.

The race of life is a race uphill. To win it without a struggle is perhaps to win it without honor. If there were no difficulties, there would be no victories. If there is nothing to struggle for, there would be nothing to achieve. And the first race would be in our own thinking. Let's say that there is a race and there are only three runners and you are one of them.

You would want to go for the first position, the gold medal, and if not then it will be the silver.

Would you settle for the third position, the bronze medal, which is as good as being the last? But to accept the third position means that you let two other people go ahead, and that is Jesus, others and then you - J,O,Y. Indeed there is joy in being third, or last. So it's not about gold or silver or bronze. Rather it is about Jesus, others and then you. J-O-Y. That's the joy of the race.

Joseph Schooling won for Singapore the first Olympic gold medal in Summer 2016 but he also brought joy to a 12-year old Pathlight student who dedicated a "mouse with medal" drawing to him. For 12-year-old Jolie Lim, who is autistic, Joseph Schooling's historic win is an inspirational story about overcoming life's challenges. To express how she felt, Jolie produced an A3-sized drawing under the encouragement of her mother.

The drawing, which took Jolie three hours to complete, depicts a mouse with a gold medal, beating its larger competitors including an eagle, a cat and a dog. On Thursday night, Schooling responded in an 11-second video, thanking Jolie for her drawing. It was a simple gesture, but one that meant much to Jolie. Schooling is a winner, but he also helps others to be winners.

The joy of winning is when Jesus and others go before you. It's a joy that all the medals in the world cannot give.

Blessings,

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

Date		Mass Intentions Presider Key: D (Fr. Dom), L (Fr. Lito), B (Fr. Bill)	Events
Saturday, Aug. 23 <i>St. Rose of Lima, Virgin</i> Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 Mt 23:1-12	D L	8:30 a.m. + James Joseph Smith (Nancy Smith, family & friends) 4:00 p.m. + Ted & Sally Nida (Donna & Bill Gleason)	3:00 p.m. Pray the Chap- let of Divine Mercy 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
Sunday, Aug. 24 21th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 66:18-21 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30	L D D L	Sanctuary Candle for Danny Richardson & Andrew Parr (Jean Flynn) 7:30 a.m. + Daniel & Edward Rovnak (Rovnak family) 8:30 a.m. Parishioners 10:00 a.m. + Catherine Cerniglia (Grandchildren) 11:30a.m. For the intentions of Pope Leo XIV	11:15 a.m. Faith Formation Associate Dinner for the Provincial General
Monday, Aug. 25 <i>St. Louis;</i> <i>St. Joseph Calasanz</i> 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Mt 23:13-22	L	8:30 a.m. + George Castle (The Parsons)	3:00 p.m. Divine Will 7:00 p.m. GA and GA Family Meeting 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
Tuesday, Aug. 26 1 Thes 2:1-8 Mt 23:23-26	L	8:30 a.m. + Maurice A. Batista (Family)	3:00 p.m. T.O.P.S. Mtg
Wed., Aug. 27 <i>St. Monica</i> 1 Thes 2:9-13 Mt 23:27-32	D	8:30 a.m. + Drs. Norman & Victoria Howard (Tom & Louanne Sipera)	6:30 p.m. AA 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg. (Women's Group)
Thursday, Aug. 28 <i>St. Augustine, Bishop,</i> <i>Doctor of the Church</i> 1 Thes 3:7-13 Mt 24:42-51	L D	8:30 a.m. Sister Theresa, birthday (K.C.) Glenn & Amethyst Surpris, 10th Wedding Anniversary (Denny & Clare Auza) 10:00 a.m. Mass at Sunshine Christian Home	12:30 Food Pantry 4:00 p.m. Contemp- lative Prayer
Friday, Aug. 29 The Passion of Saint John the Baptist 1 Thes 4:1-8 Mk 6:17-29 <i>See 634</i>	D	8:30 a.m. Pray for Teachers & Students (SVdP)	11:00 a.m. Al-Anon
Saturday, Aug. 30 1 Thes 4:9-11 Mt 25:14-30	L D	8:30 a.m. For the intentions of Pope Leo XIV 4:00p.m Holy Souls in Purgatory (Serge Laplace)	3:00 p.m. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:00 p.m. NA Mtg.
Sunday, Aug. 31 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Heb 12:18-19 Lk 14:1, 7-14	L D B L	Sanctuary Candle for the Flynn Family (Jean Flynn) 7:30 a.m. + Lena LaPorta (Margaret Flanders) 8:30 a.m. Parishioners 10:00 a.m. Gary & Ellen Shadle, intentions (Daughter) 11:30 a.m. Owen Goldberg, birthday (K.C.)	11:15 a.m. No Faith Formation Class



Respect Life Corner

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

The members of Saint Vincent de Paul parish family will have the opportunity next month September 13/14 to “spiritually adopt” a child who is newly conceived this month. Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to

be born, in fact, more than 3000 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. It is these babies you are being asked to “adopt”

You may adopt a child individually or as a family by signing up during the weekend of September 13/14. You will be asked to name the child for whom you will be praying, thereby acknowledging the baby’s humanity. You will be asked to pray for your unborn child and for all unborn children, for the power of prayer is great.

Watch the Bulletin for monthly reports describing your baby’s development.

There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers especially now with drugs which cause the end of life. Won’t you please “spiritually adopt” one and share the love for life that God have given you?

DAY ONE – Developing Baby “I’m here”

At the moment the father's sperm and mother's egg unite a new and unrepeatable human being comes into existence, complete with his own unique set of DNA.

Although he is only one cell, everything about this little person is already present: color of eyes, blood type, the height he will grow to be, color of hair - everything! He will play a role in his family and his community - a role only he can play!

Nothing is added after conception to make him a complete human being. He already exists; all he needs is nourishment, a safe, warm environment, and most of all - love. His parents don't know he exists yet.

Pray for them to safely bring their baby to birth so he can fulfill the mission God has for him.

Becoming Catholic Classes!

We’re excited to invite everyone to our becoming Catholic Classes.

Whether you're *curious about the Roman Catholic Faith* or looking to deepen your understanding of the Mass, the Eucharist, and the liturgical year, **these weekly sessions are just for you.**

If you've been thinking about receiving Baptism or Confirmation, this class will provide you with the support and guidance you need on your journey.

Feel free to reach out to the Rectory Office at (727) 938-1974. Just leave your name and phone number or email, and we’ll be sure to get in touch.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Martha Kreuser, Health issues; Patricia Gilliam (Grandmother of Brianna Rovnak) Healing; Alice Brandt; Judy Wallowicz, healing; Summer Stevens: healing; Khiara; Doughtrill Cesar, Cancer; Katherine Mozi-na, healing; Corrine Morill, healing; Howard Murtagh, Cancer; Zi’Qquian Peterson: Parents of Rona Bowers; Darrell Kreuser;; Richard & JoAnn Corlett; Mathew McDevitt;; Patrick Tyrell; John Papa, Cancer; Joe Genalo (Son of Peggy & Joe Genalo), Cancer; Ray Stout Sr., Cancer; Diana Roshetski, 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. Thank you for allowing us to support you.

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.

PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

“Eternal rest, grant unto Stan Humienyand Jimmy Smith O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in Peace. Amen.”

An Invitation from the Office of the Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute

Church ministry requires an authentic call and also genuine competence. This call comes from the Lord and is recognized by the Church but must also be guided by competence.

Effective lay ecclesial ministers need more than a heart for ministry; they also need personal and spiritual maturity, knowledge of theology and other disciplines and pastoral skill. Lay ministers need and deserve a formation program with high standards, effective methods and comprehensive goals. This is what we, here in the Diocese, work hard to offer to you.

Ask yourself: Do I feel in my core that God is calling me to follow Him more closely in a ministry leadership role to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ?

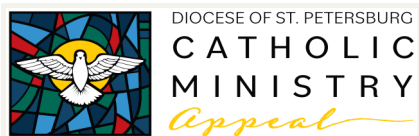
A new class begins on September 13, 2025. Anyone interested in attending the LPMI Year of Discernment monthly sessions, can find more details on the LPMI web site at <http://dosp.org/lpmi/>. Or, you may contact the LPMI office at the Pastoral Center by phone (727) 344-1611 or send an email to: LPMISEPI@DOSP.ORG (Scan the QR code to visit the LPMI website!)

**FORTIFY A STRONG FUTURE
IN LOVING SERVICE**

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Through your generous support, as of August 17th, we have raised \$360,556.93. We continue

to raise funds for our capital campaign projects, which include repairs to the leak in the education building and our \$300,000 debt to the Diocese of St. Petersburg. 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 nearly half of our debt to the Diocese! Thank you so much!**



This year, the Diocese has set a goal of \$70,588 for our parish. As of August 14th, we have pledges of \$44,687.00 (63.3% of our goal) and have received \$40,697.46 (58% of our goal) from 172 out of 776 parishioners. We have 22% participation. Last year, we had over 30% participation! Thank you to those who have pledged. Your continued support is crucial for us to reach our goal. Pledge envelopes are located near the entrances to the church for your convenience and can be mailed or delivered to our parish office. You can also give online by visiting givetoministry.dosp.org.

Be counted among the givers to Catholic Ministry Appeal. Charity is a gift freely given. CHECK: Payable to Catholic Ministry Appeal 2025, PO Box 40200, St. Petersburg, FL 33743.

LIVING IN DIVINE WILL

Join our weekly Monday Afternoon Cenacle at 3:00PM 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."

We have opened up our registration again, having made the decision to increase attendance numbers....



giftofthedivinewill.com
Register for the Congress
\$220.00
11/31/2025- 11/2/2025

Further information contact Esperanza "Espie" Stewart, 443-852-4426.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to "strive to enter through the narrow gate." Our call to be disciples and to follow Jesus demands that we learn to live for the sake of others.

In the month of August, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 670 families, providing 26,192 pounds in food, & \$6,681.98 for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

We have a special request! We need clean and empty egg cartons to help distribute eggs to our visitors at the food bank. A great big please and thank you to you!

Have you considered answering the call to help by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? God's love is shown through our charity toward those in need. Every gift reflects the love He has given us. Jesus came to nourish all of us. Thank you for your support, the SVdP Society is made possible by your participation in serving this ministry.

Works of Mercy Challenge

Bishop Parkes is **challenging the churches of the Diocese to perform 1 million Works of Mercy** during this **Jubilee year 2025**. Each person you serve counts as one Act of Mercy. You are encouraged to serve the multitudes.

Please encourage your kids, grandkids, friends & neighbors to perform works of Mercy, this challenge is for everyone !

You can complete the form by going to <https://www.dosp.org/challengeform/>, scan the QR code with your phone, or grab a form at the back of the church and drop it in the collection basket.



Welcome

Please join us in Welcoming Fr. General Benzi Romician SSS and Provincial Fr. J.T. Lane SSS who are visiting us this weekend for pastoral reasons and to welcome new associates.

Donut Sunday



Please join us in the Social Hall for Coffee and Donuts following all of the Masses this weekend. This is an opportunity to meet Fr. General Benzi SSS and Provincial Fr. Lane SSS.



Thank you!

The Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament and Father Marcus Codiply, S.S.S., express heartfelt gratitude for your invaluable support of the S.S.S. Ministry Appeal. Your support inspires us all to continue our missions with purpose and passion.



International Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, September 28, 2025

from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in Father Farrell Hall.

Please sign up in the Social Hall with the country you will represent and the food you will bring.

If you want to perform a dance, song, story, etc., from your country, please get in touch with the office at 727-938-1974.

We look forward to the enriching experience of sharing and learning about diverse culinary traditions and cultures with everyone.

YOU SHOP, WE BENEFIT

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

Now is the perfect time to purchase gifts for Confirmation, or Graduation. You can also use the cards for spring planting, home repairs, and **every-day 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 by September 8th

VISA	\$50	Cracker Barrel	\$10
AMAZON	\$25	WALMART	\$25
HOME DEPOT	\$25	PUBLIX	\$25

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



AUGUST ~ 2025 ASSOCIATE CALENDAR

**Month Dedicated to
~THE BLESSED SACRAMENT~**

Wednesday, August 28: No Cenacle, it is transferred to August 1 for a Special Holy Hour and fellowship. ALL ARE WELCOME: RSVP

THE EUCHARIST AS THE CENTER OR OUR LIVES.

Saint Peter Julian Eymard discovered in the Eucharist the “shining rays of love without limit and without reserve.” **How have you experienced the love of Jesus in the Eucharist?**

“Gathered in the name of the Lord, we are called to live in the Church as brothers...” (Rule of Life1). No one had earned their place at this meal. Everyone was invited (Desiderio desideravi 4, Luke 24:30-31). Our Eucharistic vocation is, above all, a gift, a call, a grace that makes us disciples. In this sense, the LORD calls us, not only to do but fundamentally calls us to him to be. Our spirituality is not only a commitment or an effort to live something, but a way of being. The Eucharist is not a due, but a gift, a free gift that God gives us despite our poverty. **An excerpt from the Final Message of The 36th General Chapter ~ S.S.S.**

Attention all parishioners!!

We will **transition to a new database** at the end of August and want to ensure that your names and contact information are updated **before** the transfer. **Please** take a moment to **provide us** with your current contact details, as many of our existing records are incorrect! Your connection is **vital** to us, and we want to ensure we can reach you! **Thank you!!**

Mass Offerings



After discernment we decided that we needed to increase the price of **Mass Cards to \$15 to defray the price increase! There are many dates available! Please stop by the office today!**



Online Giving

If you prefer to give online, you can scan the QR codes at the back of the church pews and set up your offertories through the portal. If you recently became an online giver and no longer wish to receive envelopes, please let us know, Anabela@svdpfl.com





PARISH GIVING—AUGUST 17TH

We celebrated with **587** attending mass and our collection was **\$6,370.00**. 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 your support in paying our church's operating expenses. Our *expenses* through Aug. 17, 2025 are \$13,725.79. Our offertory *income* for the month as of the same date is \$19,645.00 and \$5,610.40 in Online Giving. **So far this Month our income exceeds our expenses by \$11,529.61. We are blessed to share our daily Mass 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: _____
