



#### SERVED BY THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CONGREGATION, LIVING THE EUCHARIST IN LOVING SERVICE

#### 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —AUGUST 31, 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 rosary 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, anointing of the sick or home visits or for communion.

PHONE:727-938-1974

#### **Baptisms & Marriages**

Please call the Parish Office

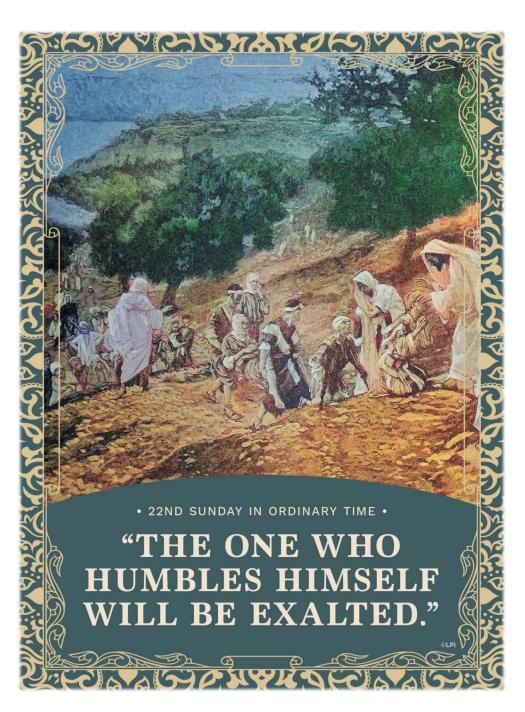
#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday– Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Stay Informed:** 

Website: www.svdpfl.com
Facebook: St. Vincent de Paul
Catholic Church

Welcome to our parish family!



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#### St. Vincent de Paul Parish Staff

#### Clergy

Fr. Dominic Long, 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

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Anabella Batista

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Jessie Camerieri

Susan Fogarty

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#### **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**

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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 re-

flect 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**

The history of mankind has seen many great conquerors who built great empires.

We have read about Alexander. He was called the Great and rightly so. His empire stretched from Europe to Asia. Then there was Caesar and the great Roman Empire. Then a period of time passed before another great conqueror surfaced in Europe. We have heard of Napoleon Bonaparte. He also marched through Europe and conquered most of it.

In the year 1798, Napoleon Bonaparte captured the city of Rome, and took Pope Pius VI prisoner. Napoleon thought that he could intimidate the Pope and force him to become his puppet because the Church had considerable political power at that time. But the Pope refused to neither cooperate with Napoleon nor be his puppet, and in a fit of anger, Napoleon shouted at the Pope: If you do not do as I command, I will destroy the Church.

The Pope replied: Oh no, you won't. Napoleon retorted: Oh yes, I will - within a year. To which the Pope calmly replied: If we, who are the Church, have for 1800 years, failed to destroy the Church with our sins, I doubt very much you will succeed.

Well, the Church still exists, whereas Napoleon Bonaparte had passed on as just another memory in the pages of history books. One of the follies of becoming mighty and powerful is that one also becomes proud and arrogant. Power and might become a "right" that is used to push and to pull in order to get what is wanted. And usually the casualties are the lowly and the powerless and those who cannot defend themselves. They get swept aside to make way for the powerful and the mighty.

But the 1st reading has this to tell us: The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, He accepts the homage of the humble.

In the gospel, Jesus told a parable when He noticed how the guests picked the places of honour. The parable highlights the fact that our human desires go for the first place and not the last; we desire for the lofty and not the lowly; we want the most and not the least. But the Lord looks on the lowly and He accepts the homage of the humble and He fills the hungry with good things.

Yes, there is something that the lowly and humble can teach us about the ways of God, because it is to the lowly and humble that God gives His blessings. It is also through the lowly and humble that God shows His power and might.

Well, back to Napoleon Bonaparte. Towards the end of his life, he was exiled on the small rocky island of St. Helena. There, the former conqueror of civilized Europe had time to reflect on his life and even on Jesus Christ.

He made this statement: Other conquerors founded their empires by force. Jesus Christ alone founded His empire upon love and humility. Napoleon Bonaparte finally understood why he cannot destroy the Church. His pride is no match for the love and humility that the Church is built upon.

So as the Church we must remember what the 1st reading taught us: be gentle in carrying out your business and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The power of love is seen in gentleness and humility. To be gentle and humble is what we are called to be. With that we will overcome the pride and arrogance of the world.

Blessings,

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

| Date  |                  | Mass Intentions  Procider Vey: D (Fr. Dom) I (Fr. Lite) R (Fr. Rill)  | Events   |
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| Saturday, Aug. 30<br>1 Thes 4:9-11<br>Mt 25:14-30   | D<br>B           | Presider Key: D (Fr. Dom), L (Fr. Lito), B (Fr. Bill)  8:30 a.m. For the intentions of Pope Leo XIV  + Jimmy Smith (Margaret Finlay)  4:00p.m Holy Souls in Purgatory (Serge Laplace)   | 3:00 p.m. Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting                        |
| Sunday, Aug. 31<br>22nd SUNDAY IN<br>ORDINARY TIME<br>Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29<br>Heb 12:18-19<br>Lk 14:1, 7-14 | L<br>J<br>D      | 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) 11:30a.m. Owen Goldberg, birthday (K.C.)                     | 11:15 a.m. No Faith<br>Formation Class   |
| Monday, Sept. 1<br>Labor Day<br>1 Thes 4:13-18<br>Lk 4:16-30  | L                | 8:30 a.m. + Michael Gretten (Mark Hillman) Lorna & Eugene Sanuto, 30TH Wedding Anniversary (Lorna)  | 3:00 p.m. Divine Will<br>7:00 p.m. GA and GA<br>Family Meeting<br>7:00 p.m. NA Meeting |
| Tuesday, Sept. 2<br>1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11<br>Lk 4"31-37  | В                | 8:30 a.m. + Richard & Bernadine Quinton<br>60th Wedding Anniversary<br>(Edd & Anne Richardson)<br>Eddison (Anne)  | 3:00 p.m. T.0.P.S. Mtg.<br>7:00 p.m. GA Mtg.   |
| Wed., Sept. 3 St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church Col 1:1-8 Lk 4:38-44                          | D                | 8:30 a.m. + Tony Maulausky (Nesarais Jabadoss)  | 6:30 p.m. AA<br>7:00 p.m. AA Mtg.<br>(Women's Group)                                   |
| Thursday, Sept. 4<br>1 Thes 3:7-13<br>Mt 24:42-51   | J<br>B           | 8:30 a.m Ann Sevital, intentions (Richard Hill) 10:00 a.m. Mass at Sunshine Christian Home  | 12:30 Food Pantry<br>4:00 p.m. Contemp-<br>lative Prayer                               |
| Friday, Sept. 5<br>Col 1:15-20<br>Lk 5:33-39  | В                | 8:30 a.m. + Tim Thompson (Family)<br>+ Robert Galante (Margaret Flanders)   | 11:00 a.m. Al-Anon   |
| Saturday, Sept. 6<br>Col 1:21-23<br>Lk 6:1-5  | L<br>D           | 8:30 a.m. Mothers of the Blessed Sacrament<br>+ George Joseph (Thomas family)<br>4:00p.m + Louis Denis Laplace (Serge Laplace)  | 3:00 p.m. Pray the<br>Divine Mercy Chaplet<br>7:00 p.m. NA Mtg.                        |
| Sunday, Sept. 7 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Wis 9:13-18b Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33                        | L<br>D<br>B<br>L | Sanctuary Candle for the Flynn Family (Jean Flynn) 7:30 a.m.+ Henryk & Stanislawa Pietka (Pietka family) 8:30 a.m. Parishioners 10:00 a.m. + Norberto Silva (Celia Silva) 11:30 a.m. Sebastian Tyzynski & family, intentions (Mike Dolan) | 11:15 a.m. Faith<br>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, <u>these weekly sessions are just for you.</u>

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 Mozina, 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.

#### FlockNote Prayer Requests

Please call the office with prayer requests or email them to prayers@svdpfl.com.

#### **NEWLY REGISTERED**

#### PLEASE WELCOME

Bill Ryan as a new member to our parish family

May God embrace him with His boundless love, mercy, and compassion.



Glory to our Risen Lord!

### An Invitation from the Office of the Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute

Church ministry requires both an authentic call and genuine competence. This call comes from the Lord, is recognized by the Church, and must also be accompanied by the necessary skills and abilities.

Effective lay ecclesial ministers need more than just a passion for ministry; they also require personal and spiritual maturity, a solid understanding of theology and related disciplines, as well as strong pastoral skills. Lay ministers deserve a formation program that upholds high standards, employs effective methods, and sets comprehensive goals. This is what we strive to provide here in the Diocese.

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

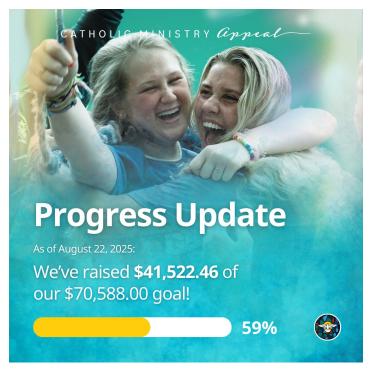
A new class will begin on September 13, 2025. Anyone interested in attending the LPMI Year of Discernment monthly sessions can find more details on the LPMI website at http://dosp.org/lpmi/. You may also contact the LPMI office at the Pastoral Center by phone at (727) 344-1611 or by email at LPMISEPI@DOSP.ORG.

### FORTIFY A STRONG FUTURE IN LOVING SERVICE

#### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Through your generous support, as of August 24th, we have raised \$363.356.93. 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!







#### LIVING IN DIVINE WILL

Join our weekly Monday Afternoon Cenacle at 3:00PM in the Education Bldge, 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 ask the sons and daughters of the Divine Will to keep this event in your thoughts and prayers... FIAT We are bringing Italy to this Congress with six Italian speakers... Don't miss this Historic Event to unify as one family in the Divine Will! Event Overview: 2025 International Divine Will Unity Congress (USA) We are pleased to announce the 2025 International Divine Will Unity Congress, scheduled to take place in Orlando, Florida, his historic event aims to foster unity among those dedicated to Living in the Divine Will, bringing together believers, clergy, and speakers from around the world to deepen our spiritual connection and understanding it is our hope that this conference will be the start of something new. FIAT Further information contact Esperanza "Espie" Stewart, 443-852-4426.

#### Society of St. Vincent de Paul



Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "...when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you

will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." With love for your neighbors who are poor, crippled, lame, or blind, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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.



If you prefer to give online, you can scan the QR codes Online Giving at the back of the church pews and set up your offer-

tories through the portal. If you have recently become an online giver and no longer wish to receive envelopes, please let us know at Anabella@svdpfl.com.

If you need assistance transitioning from the old online giving company, We Share, to our new partner, Our Sunday Visitor (OSV), please reach out to our office.

Join the one hundred ninety-one parishioners who have embraced this simple and impactful way to support our faith community. Now is the perfect time to get involved!



#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

We are looking for folks to become Preparers and Greeters at our VITA Program which takes place January-April 2026.

Make a difference for elderly and lower income residents of Pasco! SignUp for as many hours and weeks as you are able

Tax Experience is not required, as you will become IRS Certified and Trained!

Sign up & get more information

CALL: 727-359-7999

VISIT: www.unitedwaypasco.org/vita-tax-prep



#### Join the Arts and Crafts Group!

#### We're back from Summer break!

Join us every Tuesday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We supply fun, laughter, friendship, coffee, treats, and prayer too!

#### Thank you!

Thank you for Welcoming Fr. General Benzi Romician S.S.S. and Provincial Fr. J.T. Lane S.S.S., who visited us last week in celebration of the 125th anniversary of The Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament's beginning in St. Ann's Providence (the United States).

#### 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 <u>many of our existing records are incorrect!</u> 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!

## 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!



# ASSOCIATE CALENDAR SEPTEMBER~2025 DEDICATED TO THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

<u>1st Friday, September 5</u>: <u>ADORE: 9 AM – 5 PM EX-</u> POSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT <u>4:40 PM</u> – 5:00 PM EVENING PRAYER

Saturday, September 6, @ 10 AM - EST National Fall Quarterly ZOOM. Associates Register with Gloria Jung.

<u>Tuesday, September 9 @ 7 pm:</u> Education Building FORMATION TEAM MEETING. All Associates interested in facilitating our 12 Sessions are welcome to attend. Contact Gloria or Margaret.

SIGN UP FOR 30 HOURS ON FIRST FRIAYS+
PERPETUAL ADORATION GUARDIANS
2 ANCHORS NEEDED FOR EVERY HOUR.
COMING SOON:OCTOBER 5: Sign up in the office
or contact Gloria.

<u>Consider a Eucharistic Lay Vocation:</u> Sign up now Opening Year of Discernment in October. **Contact:** Gloria Jung or Margaret Flanders

"Dear Friend, find God in the calm and peace of solitude. It is easier to find him there. Enjoy God in his goodness to you and follow the path of his divine Providence which has so sweetly and powerfully led you to where you are now. Reflect diligently on our Lord in his divine Sacrament and you will be as happy as one can be on this road to heaven." Saint Peter Julian Eymard ~ Letter to Fr. Paul Marie Marechal, SSS on Nov, 29, 1867

#### **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.

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

You can complete the form by going to <a href="https://www.dosp.org/challengeform/">https://www.dosp.org/challengeform/</a>. You can also pick up a form at the back of the church and drop it in the collection basket, or scan the QR code

Our Parish, St. Vincent De Paul, has registered 35,530 Acts of Mercy! That is just over 3.5% of the 1 million mark! We are one of only nine



parishes to reach the tens of thousands! Well done! The Diocese has 912,882 Acts of Mercy completed! We are nearly there! Don't forget you already do things in your daily lives that count as Acts of Mercy. Ponder the idea and let us know what you do! Let's finish that last 9% ourselves!



#### PARISH GIVING—AUGUST 24TH

We celebrated with 547 attending mass and our collection was \$5,083.00. 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. 24, 2025 are \$19,568.37. Our offertory *income* for the month as of the same date is \$30,136.40 and \$5,821.80 in Online Giving. So far this Month our income exceeds our expenses by \$16,389.83. 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. |  |
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| Your Name (optional):   |  |
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