



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

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT — DECEMBER 7, 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

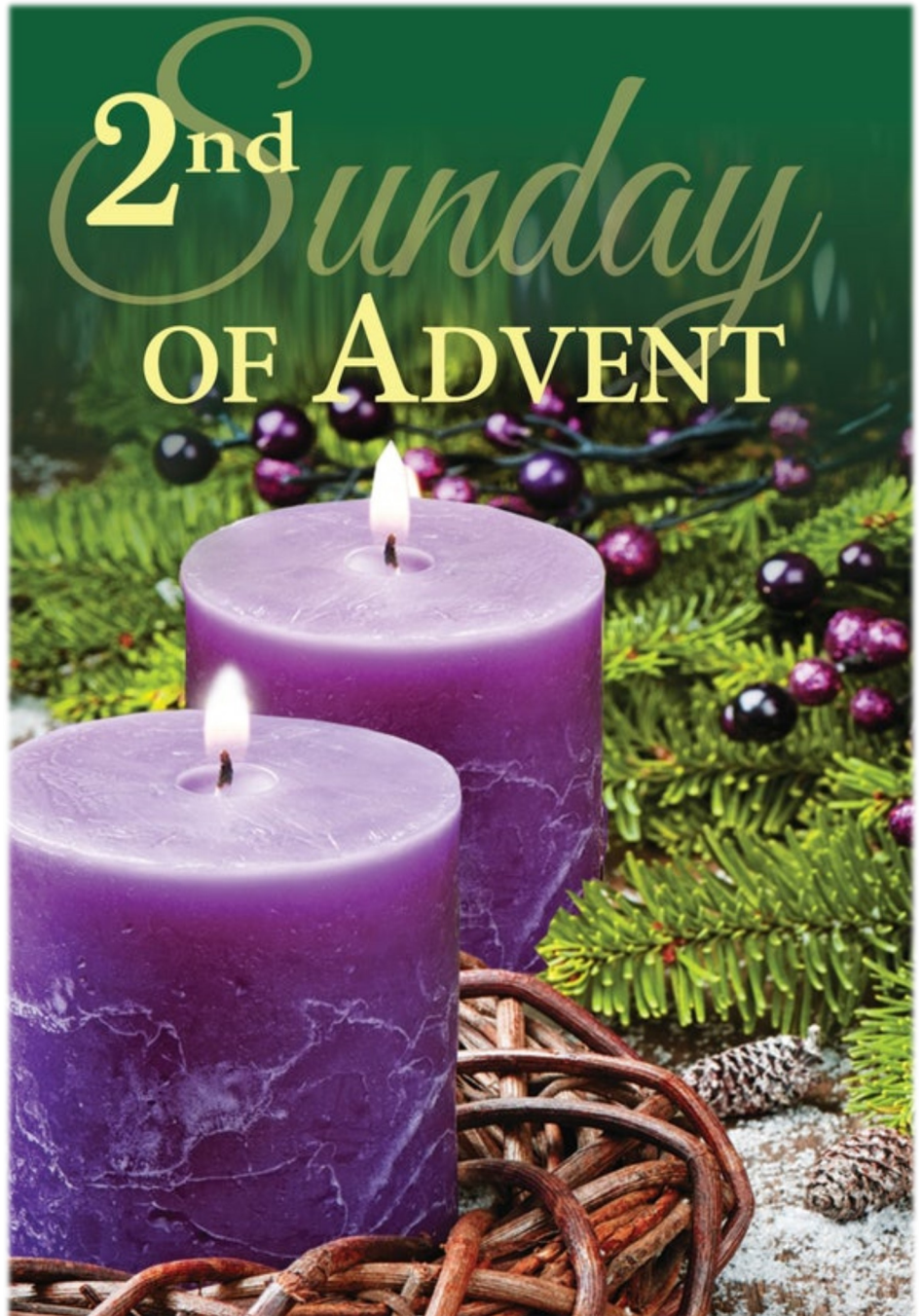
Monday– Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Website: www.svdpfl.com

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Catholic Church

**Welcome to our
parish family!**



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Fr. Dominic Long Nguyen, S.S.S. Pastor
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Fr. Joseph Thai Tran, S.S.S. Parochial Vicar

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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

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

By this time of the month, which in Church terms is the second Sunday of Advent, most of us would already have gotten one thing done.

We would have already taken out the Christmas tree from the store room and started decorating it. By and large, setting up the Christmas tree seems like no big deal. We can choose whether it is a 4ft or 5ft or 6ft tree or taller even. And we can also choose what types or species of Christmas tree, whether fir or pine, and even what colour. After all they are artificial and can come in whatever shape and colour.

We look at the commercials and advertisements, everything seems so perfect: the perfect Christmas tree, the perfect decorations, the perfect gift.

So we dream, not so much as a white Christmas, but a perfect Christmas. But can we ever have a perfect Christmas?

Today we have someone telling us how to have a perfect Christmas. And crowds went to him to hear how it is possible. Today, John the Baptist appears in the gospel and the people from Jerusalem and all of Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him. His message for a perfect Christmas is simple, and can be summarized into one word: Repent!

And his message also comes with an axe, and with that John the Baptist goes for our precious nicely decorated Christmas trees. But why would he want to do that? Let's listen again to what he said: Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

Of course he is not referring to Christmas trees in particular, but nonetheless the Christmas tree has a biblical and religious significance.

The Christmas tree is a symbol of Jesus. He is the shoot that springs from the stock of Jesse, the scion that trusts from Jesse's roots, as we heard in the 1st reading. Jesse was the father of king David, whose reign brought about the golden age of Israel. But after his reign, Israel declined and the kingdom was split and was over-run by her enemies over and over again.

Eventually when Israel was exiled into Babylon, king David's line of descendants became an obscurity. But the prophet Isaiah wrote of hope, that one day a shoot will spring forth from the stump of Jesse and bring about Israel's glory.

Jesus was that shoot that sprang into a tree, a life-giving tree, a hope-giving tree, a tree that bore fruits of love. And that is why the Christmas tree is an appropriate symbol for the season, provided we know what it stands for. That is why we decorate our Christmas tree with meaningful symbols like the star, the lights, the little angels and those other ornaments that symbolize what Jesus is about and what He came to give us.

Hence our lives must also be like the beautifully decorated Christmas tree. Otherwise it has no connection to our faith. In other words, our lives must bear good fruits, not just to show our repentance, but also to bear fruits of love for others. Repentance is a beautiful spiritual experience when we see God's self-sacrificing love in the beautiful mystery of the Incarnation at Christmas.

Blessings,

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

Date		Mass Intentions Presider Key: D (Fr. Dom), L (Fr. Lito), B (Fr. Bill)	Events
Saturday, Dec. 6 Is 30:19-21 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5, 6-8	JT D	8:30 a.m. Mothers of the Blessed Sacrament 4:00p.m + Rene Adolphe Ledee (Marcial Laplace)	10:00 a.m. Arts & Craft Fair 3:00 p.m. Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
Sunday, Dec. 7 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Is 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12	L JT D L	Sanctuary Candle for Catherine Cerniglia (Grandchildren) 7:30 a.m. + Henryk & Stanislaw Pietka (Pietka family) 8:30 a.m. Parishioners 10:00 a.m. + Norberto Silva (Celia Silva) 11:30a.m. + Stephen Lolhi (Wife & Daughter)	11:15 a.m. Faith Formation Class
Monday, Dec. 8 THE EMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BVM Holy Day of Oblation Gn 3:9-15,20 Eph 1:3-6 Lk 1:26-38	B L D	8:30 a.m. + Debra Moncello (Loving Parents) + Catherine Cerniglia (Grandchildren) 4:00 p.m. + Mary De Zunino & Enrique (M. Zunino) 8:00 p.m. Mary Webb, healing (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
Tuesday, Dec. 9 Is 40:1-11 Mt 11:28-30	L	8:30 a.m. Margaret Flanders (Friend) Michelle Dunbar (Edd & Ann Richardson)	9:30 a.m. Arts & Craft 10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. Mtg.
Wed., Dec. 10 Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30	D	8:30 a.m. + Michael Gretten (Marlene Tamraz) + Jerry & Tim Thompson (Thompson family)	10:00 a.m. Parish Christmas Luncheon 6:30 p.m. AA 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg. (Women's Group)
Thursday, Dec. 11 Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15	JT B	8:30 a.m + Marti Knox (Richard Knox) Holy Souls in Purgatory (Virginia Hesterhagen) 10:00 a.m. Mass at Sunshine Christian Home	12:30 Food Pantry 4:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer
Friday, Dec. 12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Zec 2:14-17 Lk 1:39-47	D	8:30 a.m. + Victor & Alan Rosamilia (Joan Rosamilia)	11:00 a.m. Al-Anon 4:30 p.m. Friday Night Dinner
Saturday, Dec. 13 St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr Sir48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9, 10-13	B L	8:30 a.m. + Francis Xavier (Chau Nguyen & Tuan Tran) 8:30 a.m. + Maria Bulnes (M. Zunino) 4:00p.m + Dick Combetta (Nancy Corcoran)	3:00 p.m. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:00 p.m. NA Mtg.
Sunday, Dec. 14 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Is 35:1-6 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11	B J D B	Sanctuary Candle for Catherine Cerniglia Grandchildren 7:30 a.m. Thanksgiving 8:30 a.m. Parishioners 10:00 a.m. + Gordon & Noella Etzel (mike & Jane Etzel) 11:30 a.m. Maria Kosinski, 70th birthday (Krystina Pecenkovic)	11:15 a.m. Faith Formation Class



An Advent Retreat:

A Season of Mystery & Promise

With Very Reverend John Thomas Lane, SSS

A vowed religious of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament for over 37 years and ordained for over 33 years, Father Lane pastors his home parish, The Roman Catholic Community of Saint Paschal Baylon, Highland Heights, OH. He is the Provincial Superior of his religious order for the USA Province of Saint Ann. He wrote a pastoral liturgy column for Emmanuel Magazine for 24 years and gives workshops and retreats about the liturgy and the Eucharist.

Additionally, Fr. Lane has written for many publications over the years (Today's Liturgy, AIM, Modern Liturgy, America Media, etc.), including LTP's Sourcebook 2012, 2013 & 2017 editions and authored Guide for Celebrating Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass and Daily Prayer 2019 and a second edition in 2025 also for LTP.

He served as his religious order's vocation minister for 15 years, and has returned to that position as provincial, and served on SWLC's board for 17 years. He has degrees in music, education, divinity, and liturgy, and taught liturgy at Ursuline College (Pepper Pike, OH), and served as the Diocesan Director of Liturgy for the Diocese of Salt Lake City. He has been a pastor for 26 ½ years, also serving in Albuquerque, NM, and Houston, TX.

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Advent Penance Services in our Area

St. Vincent De Paul: Dec., 11th ~ 5 p.m.

Our Lady Queen of Peace: Dec., 15th ~4 -6p.m.

St. Ignatius: Dec., 16th ~4 - 7p.m.



AGGREGATES OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**December ~ 2025 DEDICATED TO
The Coming of Jesus, Our Messiah
and King, The Incarnate Word
made Flesh!**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9: 1 PM TO 9 PM BETHANY RETREAT CENTER & BANQUET
THE CONGREGATION'S 125th JUBILEE YEAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF SAINT ANN in the US! A.R.T.E.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pastora Zavala, healing; Liz, Chris Yacabell's niece, Cancer; James Murtagh, brother of Marilyn Amundson; Joe Genalo (Son of Peggy & Joe Genalo), Surgery; John & Martha Kreuser, recent setback; Patricia Gilliam (Grandmother of Brianna Rovnak) Healing; Alice Brandt; Judy Wallowicz, healing; Summer Stevens: healing; Khiara; Doughtrill Cezair, Cancer; Corrine Morill, healing; Zi'Qquian Peterson: Parents of Rona Bowers; Richard & JoAnn Corlett; Patrick Tyrell; John Papa, 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.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATION CONCEPTION OF MARY

DECEMBER 8TH (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass times ~ 8:30 a.m., 4:00 & 8:00 p.m.



The Immaculate Conception is the Catholic dogma that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was conceived without the stain of original sin. It is a singular grace from God, made possible by the merits of her future son, Jesus, and was formally defined by Pope Pius IX in 1854. The doctrine does not refer to the virginal conception of Jesus but to the conception of Mary by her human parents.



Respect Life Corner SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Pray For the Unborn

Not all conceived babies are allowed to be born, with over 4,000 losing their lives to abortion daily. We invite you to spiritually adopt one of these babies, either individually or as a family, while remaining anonymous.

As a Spiritual Adopter, you will:

* Name your child, giving them the humanity they deserve.

* Pray daily for 9 months.

* Receive monthly updates on your baby's development here in the bulletin.

There are millions of unborn babies in need of your prayers. *Will you please "spiritually adopt" one and share the love for life that God has given you?*

FORTIFY A STRONG FUTURE
IN LOVING SERVICE

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Through your generous support, as of November 23rd we have raised \$370,316.93. 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!

Diocese of St. Petersburg's

Catholic Ministry Appeal

CATHOLIC MINISTRY *Appeal*

Progress Update

As of November 20, 2025:

We've raised \$51,408.19
of our \$70,588.00 goal!

73%

Participation from St. Vincent de Paul

25%



Online Giving

To give online, scan the QR in the church pews to set up your offertory. If you're a new online giver and don't need envelopes, please email Anabela@svdpfl.com.

For assistance transitioning from We Share, to our new partner, Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) please contact our office.

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!



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."

"Therefore the sanctity in My Divine Will possesses all the fullness—but so much that if God wanted to give her more, He would not find the space in which to put more light, more beauty. We would say: You are all beautiful, nor can We add for you more beauty, so beautiful you are. You are the work of Our Volition, and that is enough for you to be a work worthy of Us. And the soul will say: I am the triumph of Your Divine Fiat, therefore I am rich and beautiful. I Possess the fullness of an act of Your Divine Will, that fills me completely, and if You wanted to give me more, I would not know where to put it. Such was the fullness of Adam before he fell" FIAT BH 16-04-21-1929 Further information contact Esperanza "Espie" Stewart, 443-852-4426.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. **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 to celebrate Christmas.**

Thank you for your support, the SVdP Society is made possible by your participation in serving this ministry.

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.

~A Special Thank You!~

We at the St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to **Raina, who generously makes a donation to our cause every Thanksgiving in honor of her father, David.** Her contributions have provided 315 pounds of food for our brothers and sisters in need. **Thank you, Raina!**



Arts & Crafts

Christmas Arts & Crafts & Bake Sale

Friday, December 5th, 9AM-2 PM
& 4PM - 7 PM

Saturday, December 6th, 9 AM-2 PM
& TODAY!

Sunday, December 7th, 10AM-12PM



Father Farrell Hall
St. Vincent de Paul Church

Come and see our crafters and bakers' many beautiful creations and homemade goodies.

Please help us make our sale a memorable one!
We are asking for baked goods to add to the fun.
Please bring the items on Dec. 5th
from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

There is still time for YOUR Jubilee Pilgrimage!

Six Local Churches are Places of Pilgrimage during the 2025 Jubilee Year

Bishop Gregory Parkes has named six churches in the Diocese of Saint Petersburg as pilgrimage sites for the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. Catholics visiting these churches and participating in specific prayers can receive a Plenary Indulgence from Pope Leo. A "Passport" serves as a keepsake and guide, with printed copies available at the church entrances of the pilgrimage sites.

Pinellas County: Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle
5815 5th Ave N, St. Petersburg. & Espiritu Santo Catholic Church. 2405 Philippe Parkway, Safety Harbor

Hillsborough County: Sacred Heart Catholic Church 509 N. Florida Avenue, Tampa

Pasco County: Saint Leo Abbey Church
33601 County Road 52, St. Leo

Citrus County: St. Benedict Catholic Church
455 S Suncoast Blvd, Crystal River

Hernando County: *St. Stanislaus Chapel 14249 Citrus Way, Brooksville
**This church can be viewed from the outside only except for certain dates to be announced.*



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.

Please note that our bulletins will be published early through the new year. Deadlines and data will reflect this. We appreciate your understanding.

All are Welcome to the
St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Luncheon
4843 Mile Stretch Road
Holiday, FL 34690

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Doors open at 11:00 a.m. & service begins at 11:30

Live Entertainment by Just Jeff from 12:15 to 1:45
Door Prizes and Raffles

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Menu: Choice of Prime Rib or Chicken Supreme.
Both served with Roasted Red Potatoes and
Chef's choice vegetable. Also includes salad, rolls
and dessert. Coffee and water included.

Detach and put in envelope marked Christmas Luncheon along with payment. Place in collection basket by December 2 or return to the church rectory office by December 3. **Orders received after December 3, will only receive chicken.** Any questions call Karen at (352) 819-6971 or Christine DeLieto at (727) 938-1974, ext 6.

No refunds. No reserved seating. Make checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul Church.

Name: _____ phone: _____

Menu Choice: ☐ Prime Rib ☐ Chicken Supreme
please check (X) choice

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2025 Giving Tree

Our Giving Tree is now up!

We are excited to support Gulf Trace Elementary School, its families, and our parish families this year. We invite you to take a tag, purchase gifts for those in need, and return them unwrapped. **Thank you in advance for your generous support!**



YOU SHOP, WE BENEFIT

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

Advent is here

Fix up thy humble home in expectation of Him

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 month's orders are due in the Office January 5th

VISA ~ Cracker Barrel ~ AMAZON ~ WALMART ~ HOME DEPOT ~ PUBLIX
and many more cards available to order.

Come And See!



PARISH GIVING—NOVEMBER 23RD

We celebrated with 617 attending mass and our collection was **\$6,270.10**. 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 Nov. 23, 2025 are \$34,522.78 Our offertory *income* for the month as of the same date is \$24,713.10 and \$5,967.39 in Online Giving. **So far our November expenses exceed our income by \$3,842.29. 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: _____
