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3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT — DECEMBER 14, 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

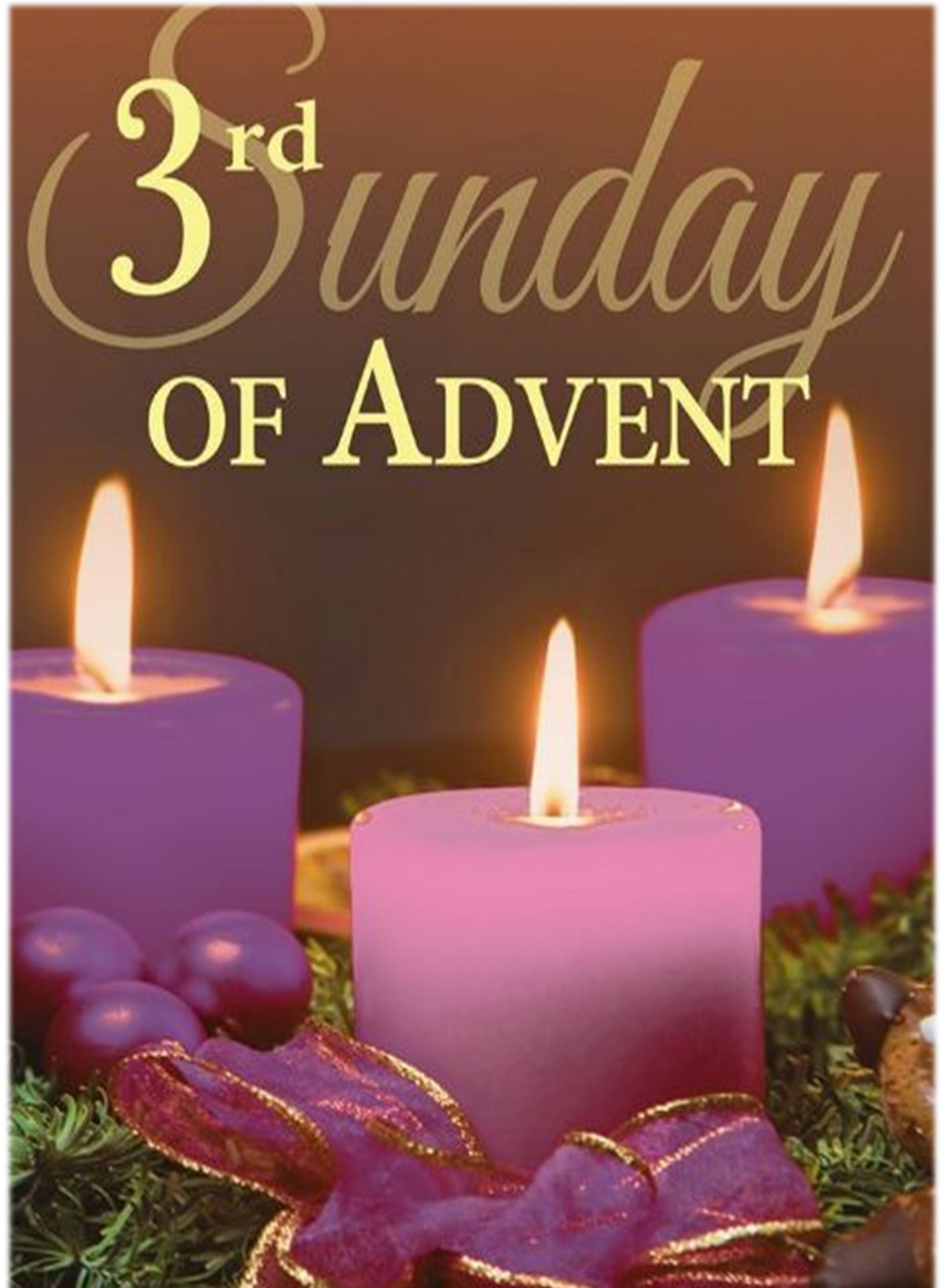
Monday– Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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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

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

There used to be a complaint that they don't make things like they used to. It seems that in the past things are made to last a life-time, and maybe even longer than a life-time. From machines to tools to toys, the things of the past were made of heavy durable material.

But with the rise of industrialization and mass production, and with cheaper and less durable materials, things are made to just hold together till they have left the factory (or when the warranty expires).

And when they land into our hands and after a while they malfunction and spoil and we bring it back to the shop or the agent, they will tell you that buying a new one would make more economical sense than repairing it (right?).

And so a culture is created, and it is called the “throw-away” culture. After all, with the abundance of cheap goods, why bother to repair something old when you can get something new and get it cheaply. And the “throw-away” culture may have also crept into the way we treat people.

Today's gospel began with John the Baptist in prison. Just last week, we heard of how he appeared in the wilderness and crowds came to him and they confessed their sins and were baptized by him.

He spoke of the one who is to come, the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. And he spoke of Jesus as a fiery judge, a dispenser of wrath and no chance will be given to those who do not repent. But what he said Jesus would do somehow did not match with what Jesus actually did.

Instead of condemnation, Jesus showed compassion; instead of axing and chopping the sinners, Jesus was sitting and chatting with them.

In the darkness of his dungeon, John the Baptist would have felt that he was like something thrown away and of no use anymore. And when he heard what Jesus was doing, he would be having a broken feeling. He was to prepare the way for the one to come. But could he have been wrong?

Hence, he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if He was the one to come. The reply Jesus gave was not a “Yes” or “No”. Rather He told the disciples to tell John the Baptist what they heard and saw.

The “thrown away” and “broken” John the Baptist is presented to us on this 3rd Sunday of Advent to point out an important aspect. Jesus healed the sick: the blind see again, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear. But the one most in need of healing then was John the Baptist as he laid broken in his dungeon.

Anything that is broken is usually considered useless and thrown away. If such was the case with John the Baptist, then it would be a sad ending. And that is not Good News. That is more like sad news. John the Baptist in his awful dungeon may have been broken and disappointed. But the news that his disciples brought back to him from Jesus was like the gold lacquer that rejoined his broken heart and made it more beautiful than before. That is why we now call him St. John the Baptist.

As for us, the struggles and the tumbles of life have caused cracks and breaks in our hearts. Where others would write us off and throw us away, Jesus wants to save us. Jesus is the Divine Healer. He heals our broken hearts with His golden love so that we become more beautiful for having been broken.

It does sound strange, “we become more beautiful for having been broken”, but that is the Good News. And when we do not lose faith in Jesus, that is really Good News. Because we know we won't be thrown away.

Jesus is there to lead us and save us.

Have a blessed Advent season,

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

Date		Mass Intentions Presider Key: D (Fr. Dom), L (Fr. Lito), B (Fr. Bill)	Events
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) + Maria Bulnes (M. Zunino) 4:00p.m + Dick Combetta (Nancy Corcoran)	3:00 p.m. Pray the Chap- let of Divine Mercy 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
Sunday, Dec. 14 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Is 35:1-6 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11	B JT 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) 11:30a.m. Maria Kosinski, 70th birthday (Krystina Pecenkovic)	11:15 a.m. Faith Formation Class
Monday, Dec. 15 Nm 24:2-7, 15-17 Mt 21:23-27	B	8:30 a.m. Louise Primeau (Margaret Flanders)	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. 16 Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Mt 21:28-32	L	8:30 a.m. + Edward Gannon (Jean Flynn)	9:30 a.m. Arts & Craft 10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. Mtg.
Wed., Dec. 17 Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17	D	8:30 a.m. + Michael Gretten (Mr. & Mrs. Tomaszewski) + Magdalene (Chau Nguyen & Tuan Tran)	6:30 p.m. AA 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg. (Women's Group)
Thursday, Dec. 18 Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25	JT D	8:30 a.m Lilly Bellos, intentions (M. Zunino) 10:00 a.m. Mass at Sunshine Christian Home	12:30 Food Pantry 4:00 p.m. Contemp- lative Prayer
Friday, Dec. 19 Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25 Lk 1:5-25	L	8:30 a.m. + Enrique & Mary Zunino. Repose of Their soul (M. Zunino) 8:30 a.m. + Anthony Maseo (Mr. & Mrs. Tomaszewski)	11:00 a.m. Al-Anon 4:30 p.m. Friday Night Dinner
Saturday, Dec. 20 Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38	D B LH	8:30 a.m. Mothers of the Blessed Sacrament 4:00p.m + Peter & Marie Rosamilia (Joan Rosamilia) 7:00 p.m. Simbang Gabi	3:00 p.m. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:00 p.m. NA Mtg.
Sunday, Dec. 21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24	D JT L B	Sanctuary Candle for Catherine Cerniglia Grandchildren 7:30 a.m. + Toni DelBene (Carole DelBene) 8:30 a.m. Parishioners 10:00 a.m. + Carl Hojan (Cecilia Hojan) 11:30 a.m. + Magdalene (Chau Nguyen & Tuan Tran)	10:00 a.m. Christmas Pageant 11:15 a.m. Faith Formation Class



Let's extend a heartfelt thank you to the **Very Reverend John Thomas Lane, SSS**, the Provincial Superior of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament for the USA Province of St. Ann.

We were privileged to have him lead an inspiring Advent retreat titled "A Season of Mystery and Promise." His guidance helps us reflect on scripture and spiritual growth as we await the arrival of our Promised Savior.

We also want to express our gratitude to everyone who attended the retreat. We hope you, too, found inspiration in contemplating the reason for the season and are rejoicing in this Liturgical New Year.

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.



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.



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.



Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance this Advent in our area at these times.

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.

Advent Events

Advent is a period of sacred and expectant delight.

Today, December 14, the 3rd Sunday of advent

Gaudete Sunday

December 21, the 4th Sunday of Advent—

Christmas Pageant 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

December 25~Christmas Day—

the 1st Day of the Christmas Season! The Lord Has Come!

Happy New Liturgical Year!



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%



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 rip, interpreting the holy writings of *"The Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta."*

"Therefore each one of his acts done in this fullness of Divine goods had such value, that no one else—such as much as he might sacrifice himself, suffer and do good, but not possess the Kingdom of Divine Will and Its total dominion—can be compared to one alone of these acts in the Kingdom of my Will. Therefore, the glory, the love that Adam gave Me as long as he lived in the Kingdom of My Volition, no one has given Me, because in his acts he gave Me fullness and totality of all all goods, and only in My Will can these acts be found—outside of It they do not exist. Therefore Adam had his riches, his acts of infinite value, that My Eternal Will communicated to him before the Divinity" **FIAT** BH 23 -10-10-1927

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

PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

"Eternal rest, grant unto **Richard Corlett**. 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."



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us. **Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.**

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!**



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 Anabella@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!



AGGREGATES OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

~The Aggregates of the Blessed Sacrament

"The Eucharist began at Bethlehem in Mary's arms. It was she who brought to humanity the Bread for which it was famishing, and which she alone can nourish it. It was she who took care of that Bread for us. It was she who nourished the Lamb whose life-giving Flesh we feed upon." ~Saint Peter Julian Eymard

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.*



Respect Life Corner SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Pray For the Unborn FOURTH MONTH

The baby's brain has begun maturing—a process that will continue until he or she is about 14 years old.

The eyelids are now sealed shut and will re-open at seven months.

The taste buds are working. Nutrients consumed by his or her mother are passed on to the baby within an hour or two.

Three hundred quarts of fluid a day are sent to the baby via the umbilical cord.

Fine hair begins to grow on the head, eyebrows and eyelashes.

Facial expressions similar to the baby's parents can be seen at this time.

This month REMs (rapid eye movements) have been recorded—a sign of dreaming!

Upcoming Events:

Events coming up in the new year

Saturday, January 24, 2026 - Young Adult Concert

Saturday, January 31, 2026 - Candlemas

Saturday, February 7, 2026 - Vietnamese Lunar new Year

February 20 & 21, 2026 - Spring Rummage Sale

Friday, March 6, 2026 - Golf Tournament



Exciting plans are on the horizon!

We encourage you to stay tuned for upcoming updates. Our vibrant community deeply values your time and talents, and your involvement can make a significant difference. Consider stepping up to volunteer in the new year—you have the power to help us thrive!



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!**

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

YOU SHOP, WE BENEFIT

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

Prepare for Winter

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 30TH

We celebrated with 629 attending mass and our collection was **\$7982.40**. 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* for November 2025 were \$63,651.93 Our offertory *income* for the month as of the same date were \$32,479.50 and \$7,275.88 in Online Giving. **In November expenses exceeded our income by \$23,896.55. 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: _____
