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## 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT — DECEMBER 21, 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.

### Stay Informed:

Website: [www.svdpfl.com](http://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 Nguyen, S.S.S. Pastor  
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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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Kimberly Varner  
Anabella Batista  
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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**

Rocky Hieu Nguyen  
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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,

In a couple of days' time, we will hear that beautiful Christmas carol “What child is this?” The first few lines goes like this: “What child is this, who laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping? When angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping.”

That's a beautiful Christmas carol and it captures the essence of the reason of the season – “This, this is Christ the King...” Yes, everything is made so clearly to us now, so much so that we may take it for granted and may not feel the depth of the mystery of the birth of Christ.

But if Joseph, whom we heard in the gospel, had known about that Christmas carol during his time, he might have changed the title from “What Child is this” to “Whose Child is this”. Joseph had his dreams and his hopes about his future. Mary was betrothed to him and he would have dreamed of a happy family and children of his own.

And then he came to know that Mary was pregnant and obviously his first question was “Whose child is this?” It was certainly not his child; not his, but whose? To say that Joseph felt disappointment and cheated might be an under-statement. And he decided to call off the marriage. But being a man of honour, he decided to do it quietly and informally. He was hurt, but he was man enough to contain it. He didn't want anybody else to be hurt.

In that sense, he still cared about Mary and he wanted to spare her the publicity, which would be a devastating publicity against the unwed and pregnant Mary. Yet, that did not answer the question “whose child is this?” Who is the father? And then as if all the questions in his mind were not enough for him, he gets a dream about an angel telling him what to do next.

Joseph is one of the central characters in the whole Christmas story and yet he is the only one who had nothing recorded of what he said or what he thought. But it certainly cannot be said that Joseph was a simpleton and simply did what he was told. Joseph had to lay aside his broken dreams and his disappointments and to make that decision to accept the pregnant Mary and to take her home as his wife. Therein lies the greatness of Joseph. He took the responsibility to care for Mary and her child.

Even though the angel told him in the dream that the child was conceived by the Holy Spirit, would that really answer the question “Whose child is this?” Would he be able to comprehend that truth? Who can believe that virginity and motherhood would go together? Because a virgin mother had no precedent whether in the religious realm, or in the secular realm. So how to believe? And neither can we expect Joseph to believe so easily. And if we were in Joseph's shoes, what would we do? Are we going to follow dreams and mystery, or do what Joseph originally intended – just spare the publicity and settle it quietly. But in the end, he took responsibility for Mary and her child and with that the Christmas Story turned from mystery to reality.

Life had many twists and turns. We may not ask questions like “Whose child is this?” But our questions would be “Whose job is this?” or “Whose mistake is this?” or “Whose fault is this?” Joseph also had his questions, but in the end, he took upon himself the responsibility of caring for Mary and Jesus, and Christmas became a reality.

In life, when people don't do their job, or when a mistake is made and people start blaming each other, it is the poor, the vulnerable and the helpless who will have to suffer the consequences. But like Joseph, when we take the responsibility upon ourselves, then we can make Christmas a reality. And we will truly know what Child it is that we are celebrating at Christmas.

Have a blessed Advent season,

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

<b>Date</b>		<b>Mass Intentions</b> Presider Key: D (Fr. Dom), L (Fr. Lito), B (Fr. Bill)	<b>Events</b>
<b>Saturday, Dec. 20</b> Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38	<b>D</b> <b>B</b> <b>L</b>	8:30 a.m. Mothers of the Blessed Sacrament 4:00p.m + Peter & Marie Rosamilia (Joan Rosamilia) 7:00 p.m. Simbang Gabi - Corona Fernandez (Paul Peralta Family)	3:00 p.m. Pray the Chap- let of Divine Mercy 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
<b>Sunday, Dec. 21</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY</b> <b>OF ADVENT</b> Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24	<b>D</b> <b>JT</b> <b>L</b> <b>B</b>	<b>Sanctuary Candle for Catherine Cerniglia</b> <b>(Grandchildren)</b> 7:30 a.m. + Toni DelBene (Carole DelBene) 8:30 a.m. Parishioners 10:00 a.m. + Carl Hojan (Cecilia Hojan) 11:30a.m. + Magdalene (Chau & Tuan Tran)	10:00 a.m. Christmas Pageant (After Mass)  11:15 a.m. Faith Formation Class
<b>Monday, Dec. 22</b> 1 Sm 1: 24-28 Lk 1:46-56	<b>B</b>	8:30 a.m. + Richard Corlette (Denny & Clare)	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
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 23</b> St. John of Kanty, Priest Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66	<b>JT</b>	8:30 a.m. + Richard Corlette (Ladies Auxiliary)	10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. Mtg.
<b>Wed., Dec. 24</b> 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 Lk 1:67-79 <i>Please check</i> <i>the Lectionary for Vigil</i>	<b>L</b> <b>B</b> <b>D</b>	8:30 a.m. + Elizabeth Chapin (Kathleen Ryan) 4:00 p.m + Catherine Cerniglia (Grandchildren) 9:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m. AA 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg. (Women's Group)
<b>Thursday, Dec. 25</b> <b>THE NATIVITY OF</b> <b>THE LORD</b> Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14	<b>L</b> <b>D</b>	8:30 a.m + Bobby Armstrong (Charlotte, wife) 10:00 a.m. Parishioners	4:00 p.m. Contemp- lative Prayer
<b>Friday, Dec. 26</b> St. Stephen, the 1st Martyr Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22	<b>JT</b>	8:30 a.m. Lina Zunino. Intentions (M. Zunino) + Richard Ryan (Kathleen Ryan)	11:00 a.m. Al-Anon 4:30 p.m. Friday Night Dinner
<b>Saturday, Dec. 27</b> St. John, Apostle, Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1, 2-8	<b>B</b> <b>L</b>	8:30 a.m. + Raymond Flanders (Margaret Flanders) 4:00p.m + Eleuterio Sangalang (Cecile Sangalang)	3:00 p.m. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:00 p.m. NA Mtg.
<b>Sunday, Dec. 28</b> <b>The Holy Family</b> Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23	<b>B</b> <b>JT</b> <b>D</b> <b>L</b>	<b>Sanctuary Candle for Catherine Cerniglia</b> <b>Grandchildren</b> 7:30 a.m. Richard Knox, healing (Margaret Flanders) 8:30 a.m. Parishioners 10:00 a.m. + Richard Corlette (Cindy Spanos) 11:30 a.m. + Patricia Mazzarini (Cindy Spanos)	11:15 a.m. NO Faith Formation Class





Heartfelt   
**THANKS**

**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.

## 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@svidpfl.com](mailto:prayers@svidpfl.com).

## The marriage Jubilee mass of Thanksgiving

The marriage Jubilee mass of Thanksgiving will take place at the **Cathedral of St Jude the Apostle on Sunday, February 8th, at 3:00 p.m.** This event honors couples throughout the diocese who will celebrate their 25th or 50th Anniversary, as well as those celebrating 51 or more years of marriage during the 2026 calendar year. If you would like to take part, please RSVP by calling our Parish office by **Thursday, January 15th.**



## Advent Events


Advent is a period of sacred and expectant delight.

Today, 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!**





*Simbang Gabi*  
**Novena Mass**



**St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church**  
4843 Mile Stretch Drive, Holiday, FL 34690  
December 20, 2025 | Saturday | 7pm  
Reception to follow at Fr. Farrell Hall

For more information call  
Lorraine Parsons - 727-967-3768  
Clare Auza - 727-288-7780

FORTIFY A STRONG FUTURE  
IN LOVING SERVICE

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Through your generous support, as of December 7th we have raised \$372,978.93. 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!



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy, and more full of God. **Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel, and they also came to know that "God is with us."** 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!**



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 [Anabella@svdpfl.com](mailto: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

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 good things, 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.



## 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

Well, your little baby now weighs six ounces. He has fingernails and eyelashes. He has his own unique fingerprints, which will remain the same until he dies.

His taste buds are working. His sense of hearing is developing and present at 14 weeks. There are no major developments anymore.

Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally and externally. At this stage rapid eye movements have been observed - a sign of dreaming.

What a miracle he is!

### 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

**JOIN US**

### 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—DECEMBER 7TH

We celebrated with 597 attending mass and our collection was **\$7,367.50**. 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](http://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 *monthly expenses* through December 7, 2025 were \$788.00 Our offertory *income* for the month as of the same date were \$7,121.00 and \$7,275.88 in Online Giving. **This first week of December our income exceeds our expenses by \$8,760.84 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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