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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH— DECEMBER 28, 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

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**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,

Believe it or not, the Church as a community, and as a family, has seen anxious and disturbing moments, as well as calm and consoling moments.

As it is with the Church, so it was with the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. And today's gospel gives us a glimpse of the turmoil and distress that they experienced as a family.

They are not a “no-worries be-happy” family without anxieties and difficulties. They were a real family, who faced real emergencies and life-threatening situations in their lives. Immediately, after the birth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph had to flee from their homeland to escape the death squads that were going after them.

Even though Jesus was the “Emmanuel”, the “God-is-with-us” the Holy Family was not spared of the trauma and the danger of the chaos of life. Yet, for better or for worse, in good times or in bad, they stayed together.

Joseph did not abandon mother and child in the time of need. Mary did not abandon the child Jesus for her own safety. Their staying together in the face of trials showed us this truth- that God is with us when we are united.

So it is with the Holy Family, and so it will be with our families, so it will be with the Church community. Whether it is family or community, we need each other in order to become what God wants us to be.

There is this interesting story about porcupines. An extremely cold winter was coming and the porcupines had to find a way to survive.

At first they decided to group together to keep warm and protect one another. But unfortunately, their sharp spiky quills poked at each other as their huddled together, so they dispersed. Of course this left them exposed to the bitter cold and they started to freeze to the point of death.

So they had to make a fundamental life or death choice – either they stay apart and die, or they tolerate and accept each other's thorns and survive. And to think of it, we are a bit like porcupines.

We have our own “spiky quills” and with that we hurt others and others hurt us too. At times, living as members of the family and community can be so painful and hurtful, that we think it might be better off living alone. But if the porcupines know how to stay together in order to survive, then we must also learn to accept and live with the spiky quills of others.

The Church has suffered much from its own sharp quills. The Church has seen painful and hurtful times. But under the leadership of Popes, there is healing and restoration.

And may their prayers and the prayers of Mary and Joseph also help our families to be what God wants us to be.

Have a blessed Christmas 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. 27 St. John, Apostle, Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1, 2-8	B L	8:30 a.m. + Raymond Flanders (Margaret Flanders) 4:00p.m + Eleuterio Sangalang (Cecile Sangalang)	3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
Sunday, Dec. 28 The Holy Family Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23	B JT D L	Sanctuary Candle for Catherine Cerniglia (Grandchildren) 7:30 a.m. Richard Knox, healing (Margaret Flanders) 8:30 a.m. Parishioners 10:00 a.m. + Richard Corlette (Cindy Spanos) 11:30a.m. + Patricia Mazzarini (Cindy Spanos)	11:15 a.m. NO Faith Formation Class
Monday, Dec. 29 5th Day within the Octave Of the Nativity of the Lord 1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35	B	8:30 a.m. Holy Souls in purgatory + Richard Corlette (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. 30 6th Day within the Octave Of the Nativity of the Lord 1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40	JT	8:30 a.m. + Gloria de la Cruz (Denny & Clare) + Patricia Mazzarini (Margaret Flanders)	10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. Mtg.
Wed., Dec. 31 7th Day within the Octave Of the Nativity of the Lord 1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18	L B	8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving for Thomas & Agustine Families (Thomas family) 4:00 p.m John Kreuser, healing (Edd & Ann Richardson)	6:30 p.m. AA 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg. (Women's Group)
Thursday, Jan. 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21	L B	8:30 a.m + Patricia Mazzarini (Lay Associates) + Richard Corlette (Edd & Ann Richardson) 4:00 p.m Parishioners	Contemplative Prayer Re-sumes 1/8/26
Friday, Jan. 2 Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctor of the Church 1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28	JT L	8:30 a.m. Holy Souls (M. Zunino) + Emgued Riskalla (Elena Ugaz-Zuniga) 2:00 p.m. Quevedo/Schiereck Wedding	11:00 a.m. Al-Anon Friday Night Dinner Resumes 1/9/26
Saturday, Jan. 3 The most Holy Name of Jesus 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Jn 1:29-34	B L	8:30 a.m. Mothers of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00 a.m. + Richard Corlette (Memorial Service) 4:00p.m Parishioners	3:00 p.m. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:00 p.m. NA Mtg.
Sunday, Jan. 4 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12	B JT D L	Sanctuary Candle for Divine Mercy On the World 7:30 a.m. + Henryk & Stanislaw Pietka (Family) 8:30 a.m. Parishioners 10:00 a.m. Angelo Grammatas (Edd & Ann Richardson) 11:30 a.m. + Patricia Mazzarini (Mel & Gloria)	11:15 a.m. Faith Formation Class



MARY MOTHER OF GOD

A Mother to All

Mary, the mother of Jesus, is honored in Christian tradition as the **Mother of God**, a title formally defined by the Council of Ephesus in 431 AD.

This title, known in Greek as **Theotokos** (literally "God-bearer"), signifies that she gave birth to the person of Jesus Christ, who is both fully God and fully man.

The Church emphasizes that Mary did not create the divine nature of Jesus, which has existed for eternity. However, because mothers give birth to *persons* rather than just natures, and Jesus is one divine person, she is rightly called the Mother of God.

This major feast day is celebrated annually on **January 1**. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation in the Roman Catholic Church**, marking the end of the Octave of Christmas.

While the specific phrase "Mother of God" is not in the Bible, it is rooted in Luke 1:43, where Elizabeth refers to Mary as "the mother of my Lord". Other key passages include the Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38) and the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55).

PRAY FOR THE SICK

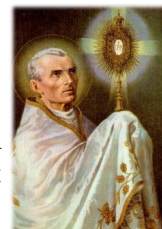
Pastora Zavala, healing; Liz, Chris Yacabell's niece, Cancer; Joe Genalo (Son of Peggy & Joe Genalo), Surgery; John & Martha Kreuser, recent setback; Patricia Gilliam (Grandmother of Brianna Rovnak) Healing; Alice Brandt; Judy Wallowicz, healing; Summer Stevens: healing; Khiara; Doughtrill Ceza-ir, Cancer; 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.

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. Please RSVP by calling our Parish office by **Thursday, January 15th**.

A Year With Fr. Eymard by Fr. Erasto Fernandez, S.S.S.



Dec. 28 : "Stay very close to our Lord and see his holy will in everything that happens." (To Mme Benoite Richard, May 1867)

Dec. 29 : "Live deeply within your own soul in our Lord, because that is your real home and your real life." (To Ms. Virginie Danion, February 1867)

Dec. 30 : "That's the reason for which I was unwilling to go merely with reparation... and a life exclusively contemplative. For us, we not only want to adore, serve and love Jesus in the Eucharist, but especially to make it known, adored, served and loved by every heart." (Fr. Eymard, 1867)

Dec. 31 : "Be the apostle of the divine Eucharist, like a flame which enlightens and warms, like the Angel of his heart who will go to proclaim him to those who don't know him and will encourage those who love him and care suffering." (To Mme Antoinette de Grandville, July, 1859)

January 1 : "The Society of the Blessed Sacrament is not satisfied with adoring, loving and serving the God of the Eucharist: its zeal for his glory desires to have him adored, loved and served by everyone, and to erect for him thrones of love and to gather faithful adorers for him. Jesus said: 'I have come to set fire on the earth; my only wish is to see this fire engulf the entire world' (Lk 12:49) " (Retreat on a Eucharistic vocation)

Jan. 2 : "Pray that we may become true disciples of the love of Jesus Christ in order to be one day worthy apostles." (To A. Adele de Revel de Nesc, May, 1856)

Jan. 3 : "The Eucharist is the reign of Jesus Christ in the world and especially in the hearts of his children: there you have the beautiful and attractive mission of every religious of the Most Blessed Sacrament; disciple and apostle of Eucharistic love: that is his true name, his grace and his life." (Retreat on a Eucharistic vocation)

Jan. 4 : "Find me from among your alumni a few men afire for this new Order" (To l'Abbe Bramarel, November 1854)

FORTIFY A STRONG FUTURE
IN LOVING SERVICE

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Through your generous support, as of December 14th we have raised \$373,366.93. We continue to raise funds for our capital campaign projects, which include repairs to the leak in the education building and our \$100,000 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 two-thirds of our debt to the Diocese! Thank you so much!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We hear the words: "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him." During this New Year may we also grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon us by remembering to take care of our suffering brothers and sisters. In the month of November, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the spirit of Christmas to those who are suffering, by assisting 692 families, providing 27,820 lbs. of food, and \$4,334.41 for utility and rent bills.

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.

Keep Christ
in Christmas



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!



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."*

"Such was the fullness of Adam before he fell into the maze of his human will, because he possessed the first act of Our Fiat, generator of his creation, and therefore possessed fullness of light, of beauty, of strength of grace. All the qualities of Our Fiat were reflected in him, and embellished that we Ourselves felt enraptured in looking at him, in seeing in him so well sculpted, Our dear image that Our Divine Being formed in him And this is why, even though he fell he did not lose the life nor the regenerative hope of Our Fiat because had possessed the fullness of It's acts in the beginning of his life. It did not want to loose the one who had possessed It. "FIAT BH 23-04-21-1929 Further information contact Esperanza "Espie" Stewart, 443-852-4426.



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.*



NEWLY REGISTERED

We warmly welcome

Oscar & Lucille Alvarez

as new parishioners.

May God embrace them with His abundant love, mercy, and compassion.



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



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!

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 14TH

We celebrated with 589 attending mass and our collection was **\$7,657.00**. 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 *monthly expenses* through December 14, 2025 were \$19,651.36. Our offertory *income* for the month as of the same date was \$14,574.00 and \$4,156.84 in Online Giving. **The second week of December our expenses exceeded our income by \$920.52. 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: _____
