



St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

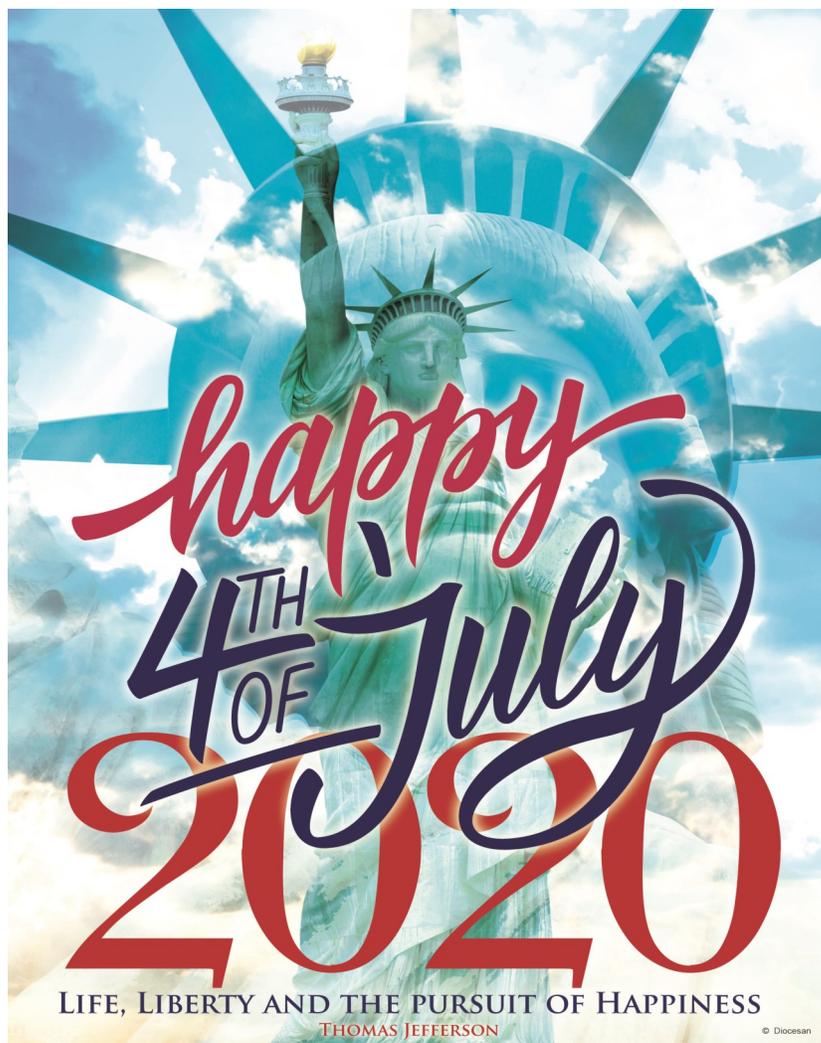
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Living the Eucharist in Loving Service

Fourteenth Sunday, July 5, 2020

Masses Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday 7:30, 10:00 11:30

8:30 Vietnamese—Livestream 4 pm Mass



Mass Intentions for the Week

Thank you for worshipping with us.

Sanctuary Candle: Adele Fiscella (Marie Picone)

Sunday	July 5, 2020
7:30am	Carol Aylward+ (Anita McMahon)
8:30am	Parish Family
10:00am	All Priests & Sisters (Thomas family)
11:30am	Jose Dos Santos+ (Oliveira family) Jose Van Der Henst+ (The family)
Monday	July 6, 2020
8:30am	Lou Ann Andrews+ (Jean Spatafera)
8:30am	Marty Currid (Joan Rosmamilia)
Tuesday	July 7, 2020
8:30am	Souls in Purgatory (Thomas family)
Wednesday	July 8, 2020
8:30am	Jerry Thompson+ (EMHC)
Thursday	July 9, 2020
8:30am	John Finegan (Peggy)
Friday	July 10, 2020
8:30am	Marcia Lantz+ (Richard Knox)
Saturday	July 11, 2020
8:30 am	Blessed Sacrament Congregation
4:00pm	Bob & Mark Sullivan+ (Betty Sullivan, wife of Bob, mother of Mark) and Thomas M. Robson (Maureen Robson)



God's Word:
Living and Active

Scripture Readings for the Week of July 5, 2020

Sunday	Fourteenth Sunday Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9 -13; Mt 11:25-30
Monday	Saint Maria Goretti, Hos 2:16 22; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday	Hos 8:4-13; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday	Hos 10:1-12; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday	Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Hos 11:1-9; Mt 10:7-15
Friday	Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday	Saint Benedict, Abbot Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

A Memorial Mass for Rev. Mario Marzocchi, S.S.S. was offered on Friday, July 3rd, at 8:30. Father Mario came to our parish in 2003 when the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament was entrusted with its pastoral care. He was appointed Parochial Administrator in January 2008. Fr. Mario died on Friday, June 26

Fourteenth Sunday



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Hymn: Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Verse:

Led on their way by this triumphant sign, The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. (to Refrain)

Presentation Hymn: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Verse:

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Communion Hymn: Prayer of St. Francis

Verse:

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Sending Hymn: Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

Verse:

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword: His truth is marching on.

Refrain:

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

We want to keep you informed about all that is taking place in our parish upcoming events via-email. Send your email address to Laura@svdpfl.com or stop by the office 9:00 to 2:00 and update your information. Laura will send announcements to keep our communication active and open.

50 Years of Loving and Serving, "You did it for Me"
Matthew 24:40



Parish Giving

Parish Mass Offering—June 28, 2020

Mass Count: 338—Offertory: \$4,050.00

Peter's Pence \$507 / Candle Money \$98

You are stepping up to the collection plate!

online giving of \$1,439.41 has made a difference.

Last year at this time our collection was \$5,042, Thank you for keeping your eye on this page. We are here for you. The daily work of the parish continues, so call or stop in 9:00 to 2:00. Stay well.

Please consider online giving!

Thank you sharing your time talent and treasure with us. God bless you and your loved ones.

Finance Corner

WORD OF APPRECIATION

Thank you for your church offering. Your contribution is at work to meet our obligation to spread the Gospel. This past week we paid bills including: our Electric bill \$2,976.94, Offertory Envelopes \$310.03, Computer Contract and Refrigerator Repair \$520, Office Supplies and postage \$137.88, Rice Bowl and Holy Land Collection paid to the Diocese \$1,100.35 and \$300.06 to Replenish Petty Cash.

Your moral and monetary support sustains the daily service our parish is able to offer to the many who seek the church in these trying time. You enables us to continue the ministry of the parish. Your contributions help us as we rebuild our budget loss and meet expenses.

We contracted a roofing company to repair the leaks on the education building roof and garage roof for \$1,450.

You may have noticed we have an area marked off on the sidewalk next to the pond. Unfortunately, we have a major repair needed to the sidewalk. We found a company and the cost is around \$2,000, but are looking for additional bids. We are here to serve you.



JOIN our S.V.de P. Society

Wish List This Week: As the food pantry remains open during this time we need; stew, chili and peanut butter.

In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings peace to those who are overwhelmed with life's burdens.

We are in need of both cash donations and food. Cash donations can be put in an envelope marked SVDP Society and placed in the offertory basket or dropped off at the office.

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

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Churches Help to Find New Employment Opportunities

With millions of Americans out of work due to the coronavirus pandemic, Job Search Ministries in the Diocese of St. Petersburg are providing important resources and support. Jim Kissane is the Coordinator of In Between Jobs Support Group (aka Tweeners) at St. Paul Parish in Tampa.

St. Paul's job search ministry is focused on providing a dependable support system for job seekers to find emotional and spiritual affirmation, as well as techniques to help them find a job. Tweeners has assisted over 4,500 people find a job since its inception in 2006. The melding of faith and job search techniques has been invaluable to those who go through the program.

"Faith goes hand-in-hand with the job search," agreed Lou Ricca, founder of the Job Search Ministry at Nativity Parish in Brandon. Nativity's ministry was born out of Lou's own experience with joblessness.

Nativity's job search meetings take place once a month on a Saturday morning. The attendees share challenges they've faced in the job market and engage in exercises to start thinking about what a job search looks like in the current market. Both Nativity and St. Paul's Job Search Ministries are free and open to anyone-Catholic or not. They are currently being held on Zoom. For more information, please visit [Nativity](#) and [St. Paul's](#) websites. Article by Megan MacElroy.

Youth Ministry News! Youth Activity Gathering

On Wednesday a small group of parents were able to talk with the leadership of our parish Youth Group. Parent Comments: Father Bill gave each family the opportunity to express their challenges, needs and share how the pandemic has impacted their lives. Most families expressed that it has been difficult for the children and that establishing a routine was extremely important. Many of the children have resorted to "gaming" to occupy their time. We are working with all parents of children ages 12 and up in order to be ready to resume Youth Group activities. At this time the parents expressed hesitation about involving their children in Youth Group meetings during the summer. Please help us to get your children active to experience belonging to the parish by giving their time, talent and treasure as well as participating in fun filled activities. Looking forward to seeing you!



Pray Together Play Together

Fourteenth Sunday

Prayer to Over Come Racism

Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other.



We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us. Amen.

Open Wide Our Hearts

“We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life.” – [Pope Francis, June 3, 2020](#)

Our faith calls us to speak out against racism and work to transform structures that continue to disregard the equal dignity of all people. Find resources below to help us commit to a sincere search for true peace through prayer, learning and action we can take together to transform our hearts, our policies and our country.

On June 7, 2020, Bishop Parkes led a prayer vigil for peace, healing and change. Sign up for our email list to stay informed about study groups, civil dialogue, legislative advocacy and upcoming events within the Diocese of St. Petersburg.

Support Groups: Meet in the Education Building

Monday, 7:00 pm NA, GA, GA (family)

Tuesday, 7:00 pm Al-Anon, OA

Wed. 7:30 pm AA

Thurs 6:30 AA Women Only

Friday, 11:00 am Al-Anon

Friday 7:30 pm Al-Anon

Saturday 7:00 pm NA

RECOVERY & SUPPORT



A voice from the pew: Thank you for bringing to the bulletin those concerns that touch your life and the values we share in common. On this celebration of our nations independence let us think of those who have fought and died for our freedom and how the flag is a symbol of the price they paid.



“You think you have the right to disrespect the flag of the United States, the one our veterans fought for, risked limbs and mental stability to defend, in many cases died for. Let me show you what our flag means to them, their families, and their friends. You can protest policies, the current government, or anything else you choose, that is your right. But when you “protest” our flag and anthem, you are insulting the nation we all live in and love, and all those who have served, been injured, or died to keep it free.

There is nothing you can do or say that can make your actions anything more than the arrogance of classless people, who care about themselves more than our country or the freedoms for which our veterans and their families have sacrificed so much, to ensure you have the “right” to speak freely. Our country is far from perfect, but if you can point to any other country where your freedom and opportunities are better than they are here, then you just might want to go there and show respect for their flag



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Calling all parents to help us plan for Faith Formation. Classes will begin in mid-August due to the abrupt end of classes in March as a result of Covid 19. We will be starting classes earlier this year in keeping with area schools to start August 10th and the first day of Faith Formation will be August 16th.

You can help us to know class size for ordering materials by call the Faith Formation office to pre-register your children. This can be done by phone. Registration will be the weekends of August 1-2 and August 7-8. Families with concerns about sending their children to classes should contact the Faith Formation office to discuss at home family options. We're looking forward to seeing everyone!

, Bishop Parkes has reiterated the Protocols for Public Masses, originally published on May 5th and updated on June 15th, The requirement or recommendation for the faithful to wear masks while present at Masses in our parish churches and other facilities remains up to the discretion of the local pastor.

If you are in need of a mask just ask, you will find them near the doors. Your sacrifice is greatly appreciated by the others who have come to worship with you. Please wash your hands and use the sanitizer at the doors. Holy Communion is to be received in your hand and consumed. Should you have additional questions about this matter, please contact Deacon Rick Wells at (727) 341-6832 or via e-mail: rwells@dosp.org.

The risks are still high for spread of infection in large gatherings. We are required to keep social distance in church. Masses have resumed on the weekends. For now if you are not in good health you can view the Sunday mass livestream at [Facebook/svdpfl.com](https://www.facebook.com/svdpfl.com). Spiritual Communion of desire. Pope Francis invites us to pray: I prostrate myself at your feet, O Jesus, and I offer You my contrite heart in its nothingness to Your Holy Presence. I adore You in the Sacrament of your Love, abiding in the Eucharist. I desire to receive You in the poor abode that my heart offers You. While awaiting the happiness of Sacramental Communion, I want to possess You in spirit. Come to me, O Jesus, that I may come to You. May your love inflame my whole being in life and in death. I believe in You, I hope in You, I love You. Amen.

Family Faith Formation



**Faith Formation continues in your homes
in the time you spend with your children**

Romans 7:15-25a

While we celebrate this day the independence of our country won in the Revolutionary War, this reading calls to mind a civil war. The civil war here is not the war between the States but the battle that is waged within each of us, even though we have been justified and counted righteous by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

St. Paul indicates powerfully that we are simultaneously righteous and sinner. First, he expresses candidly that he does not understand his own actions. Like the song "The Silver-Tongued Devil and I," written and performed some years ago by Kris Kristofferson, the good and the bad are all wrapped up in the same person. It is one thing to know and to will what is right; it is another thing to do it. The reason for the dilemma is simple: "sin that dwells within me" (v. 20).

The war occurs between and among various laws, at least, as Paul uses the term "law." On the one side are "the law of God" and "the law of my mind." These laws might refer to the law of Moses in which Paul grew up, or they might be the natural law that is written on the human heart. In either case, they are the principle of right and wrong, the knowledge that as human beings we love God and protect the life and property of our neighbors. On the other side of the war is the "law" or principle that evil is never far away, even when the believer wants to do good.

Paul was not unusual in his time in seeing this dynamic battle raging within him. The rabbis of the time also spoke of a good inclination and an evil one that fight it out on the battlefield of our personalities. For the rabbis the battle could be won by submerging oneself in total obedience to the law or Torah of God. Paul, ends the argument by exposing his wretchedness and by pleading for an answer to the question: "Who will rescue me from this body of death?" The answer is one of thanksgiving: "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!" The way out of the dilemma is Christ, the hope and trust that the victory has already been won.

Fourteenth Sunday

Let go and let God

“Give it up to the Lord.” You may have heard this phrase used before. It’s based on chapter 11 of Matthew’s Gospel. “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves.” These are often comforting words for us, but may not always be for another person you are sharing with.



Perhaps they are in the midst of a difficult experience or trial and they may not be feeling it. Sometimes life gives us a tough stretch where things are just not going right. Some might ask, “When is this going to end? When are things going to ease up?” You may have even taken the words to heart and prayed, “Ok, Jesus, I’m giving this to you. Now do Your work.” But the outcome was not what not what you were hoping for. This is not to say that we shouldn’t offer things up....we should.

On the surface, this scripture seems to contradict other passages like, “take up your cross and follow me.” You might ask, “So what is it, ‘carry the cross, or let Him carry the load?’” It is difficult to have it both ways, yet that’s what we are called to do. Sometimes our wishes and plans are not in God’s plans. We have to earnestly and humbly open ourselves up to what God has in store for us and what life throws our way.

Then when things do get tough, and they will, we can turn it over to God while still doing our part. Too often, either we want to take care of the situation ourselves, or do nothing and just throw our hands up. In reality, taking care of the situation is allowing the Holy Spirit guide you in your actions. We have to “let go and let God.” It’s easy to say, but hard to do. Pray for the patience, the humility and the courage to turn your life, your heart and your soul over to him. I promise that things will be easier if you do so. - Bishop Gregory Parkes



Our Lady's Guild

Our Lady's Guild would like to extend good wishes and prayers to

all members of our church. The Guild is the oldest ministry of St. Vincent de Paul and since 1969 it has been our goal to contribute to the foundation of our church with a variety of fund raisers. It is also a time for Christian ladies and men to gather together and socialize while we plan our many activities. We are anxious to return and get back to work!

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 8**. We will have an opening Mass at 8:30 to celebrate the start of our 2020-2021 year. We will follow with a brunch at 10:00 AM and a meeting from 10:30 to 12:00. Prior to our meeting, we will make certain we are following the safest procedures to gather together as well as share a meal. Details of this plan will be given before our meeting. We meet the second Tuesday of each month from September to May.

One ministry that will meet during the summer is **Arts and Crafts**. They raise funds for our church through sales of their beautiful creations. The meeting details will be shared in the June 28 church bulletin. If you have any questions regarding the Arts and Crafts group, you may call Rosemarie Scordamaglia at 727-946-7504.

Rosary Makers is another ministry of Our Lady's Guild. Their first meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 2** from 1:00 to 2:30 in the education building. Rosary making is fun and easy and over 6,000 were have been made and sent all over the world!

Details of **Bingo** at the Sunshine Christian Home will be shared later this summer as will the **Card Party** to be held on **Wednesday, September 16**. If you have any questions about Our Lady's Guild, please call Robin Emmons at 630-740-2730. God bless you and stay safe!

Prayer to Mother of Divine Love

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

Health of the Sick, Salvation of the People, you know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, as you did at Cana of Galilee, so joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us. He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas, we who are put to the test, deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

The President of U.S. Bishops' Conference Issues Statement on Supreme Court Decision on Legal Definition of "Sex" in Civil Rights Law

Archbishop Gomez's statement follows:

I am deeply concerned that the U.S. Supreme Court has effectively redefined the legal meaning of 'sex' in our nation's civil rights law. This is an injustice that will have implications in many areas of life.

By erasing the beautiful differences and complementary relationship between man and woman, we ignore the glory of God's creation and harm the human family, the first building block of society. Our sex, whether we are male or female, is part of God's plan for creation and for our lives. As Pope Francis has taught with such sensitivity, to live in the truth with God's intended gifts in our lives requires that we receive our bodily and sexual identity with gratitude from our Creator. No one can find true happiness by pursuing a path that is contrary to God's plan.

Every human person is made in the image and likeness of God and, without exception, must be treated with dignity, compassion, and respect. Protecting our neighbors from unjust discrimination does not require redefining human nature.

We pray that the Church, with the help of Mary, the Mother of God, will be able to continue her mission to bring Jesus Christ to every man and woman.

THE SUPREME COURT DECISION ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND TRANSGENDER STATUS

The Supreme Court recently ruled that the federal Civil Rights Act's prohibition of discrimination on the basis of "sex" in employment includes "sexual orientation" and "transgender" status. Unjust discrimination against anyone is wrong. This decision nevertheless harms the common good by, effectively, legally redefining human sexual identities to no longer mean man and woman – who are made for each other and form the foundation of the family. It is important to communicate with the faithful about this.

Everyone is loved by God and has dignity and rights. The Court's decision, however, undermines the foundations of the family and poses risks to people of faith.

- ◆ The Supreme Court, as you might have heard, recently redefined the legal understanding of people's "sex," across the country, to include their actions or their asserted transgender status, rather than their being male or a female. This was most likely an attempt to honor people's rights, but it was sadly misguided.
- ◆ • Everyone has dignity and rights given by God that we must all honor. • We should reach out with special compassion for the marginalized and the hurting.
- ◆ • You are welcome here, whoever you are, whatever your background. Jesus died for you and it is both the Church's duty and the Church's joy to help you to know and to follow him.
- ◆ • The recent Supreme Court decision can further erode how people understand the truth that we are all made male or female and in relation with one another. It undermines the truth about marriage and attacks the basis of family life.